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Nato's threat to Serbs hits UN red tape

By George Brock and Joel Brand

■ Although Western governments have hardened their resolve to retaliate against the Bosnian Serbs, action is likely to be delayed for at least a week

BRITAIN yesterday warned the Bosnian Serbs that they face Nato air strikes unless they halt aggressive action. But even as the warnings were issued, the United States failed to secure a commitment to unilateral Nato action. Instead, any attacks will have to be sanctioned by the United Nations, which is likely to delay retaliation at least until next week.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said in a BBC interview that in marathon talks which ended in Brussels early yesterday, Nato countries had agreed plans for air strikes. "It may well happen unless the parties, particularly the Bosnian Serbs, stop strangling Sarajevo and sabotaging the peace talks in Geneva," he said.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who is on a tour of British forces in the region, said: "We won't hesitate to use [air power] to protect our own people."

Rifkind: message to Sea Harrier pilots

Despite the hardening European position about action against the Serbs, America has been forced to concede that any bombing will be undertaken in "full co-ordination" with the UN.

A team of Nato officials will travel to the Croatian capital, Zagreb, this week to work out joint command and control arrangements with the UN's headquarters for the former Yugoslavia. The officials are expected to report to another meeting next Monday, but Nato officials say that a final decision on strikes may not be reached even then.

The Nato decision to give the UN secretary-general the final say about air strikes gives Britain and France an effective veto over America's desire to break the siege of Sarajevo. Western diplomats and UN sources said Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, was unlikely to order air raids without the approval of Britain and France, which contribute the most troops to the 9,000-strong UN force in Bosnia.

At the end of a 12-hour Nato meeting in Brussels, one of the longest in the alliance's history, Nato's ambassadors issued a brief announcement early yesterday that air strikes might be used to prevent Serbs capturing Sarajevo. The decision clearly takes Nato beyond its previous decision to provide air cover for troops protecting aid convoys and, at American request, extends the alliance's ambitions towards checking the Serb advance.

However, the length of the meeting reflected a struggle over how to divide control of operations. Alliance sources said the original American proposal suggested that Nato should take "almost unilateral" decisions to strike at Serb targets. This met fierce resistance from several governments, led by France and Canada, which argued that Nato's decisions should be made jointly with UN commanders on the ground.

Amid signs that Britain is losing patience with the interminable fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina and is intent on preventing the fall of Sarajevo, Mr Hurd yesterday abandoned his past reluctance to sanction offensive military action in the region for fear of jeopardising British troops. "We will have to see if a plan can be devised — I think it probably can — to say to the Bosnian Serbs outside Sarajevo and to say to others ... look, if you sabotage the peace talks, if you prevent the humanitarian effort, then you are rendering yourselves liable to air strikes," he said.

Although his tough stance was supported by Labour and the Liberal Democrats, the foreign secretary came under renewed fire from Tory MPs worried about the threat to the 2,400 British soldiers. Nicholas Budgen, the Tory MP for Wolverhampton South West, said that no national interest was at stake and that British forces should be withdrawn.

Mr Hurd's comments were aimed at strengthening the hand of Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the international peace envoys, at the stalled Geneva talks.

Mr Hurd said that, unless pressure was applied, the war in Bosnia would drag on into the winter.

Last night Mr Rifkind was flying to the aircraft carrier HMS *Invincible* in the Adriatic with the specific message for Sea Harrier pilots to prepare for air strikes in Bosnia. Interviewed earlier in Vitez by the BBC, he said: "It may not yet be necessary, that is something which will depend on the action of others ... It's crucially important to ensure the UN mandate is able to be observed."

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BARRY GREENWOOD

Model swimmer: Franziska van Almsick wearing the "go-faster" swimsuit

Race to get the go-faster swimsuit

By Louise Hidalgo

THE secrets of a new streamlined swimsuit, which is lighter than nylon and tight as a second skin, were unveiled at the European Swimming Championships in Sheffield yesterday.

The German designed swimsuit, called Swim Tech '96, weighs less than 1.7 ounces, the weight of a pair of nylons. It should enable swimmers to cut vital hundredths of a second from their competition times.

The design, produced by Arena and now a rival to the currently favoured Speedo S2000, fits so closely that air bubbles cannot enter between suit and skin, and its mix of polyamid and lycra materials makes it less resistant to water than human skin. The German team has been the first to try the slinky "go-faster" swimsuit; one of their swimmers wore it for the first time in competition yesterday. However, the new design, which costs DM198 (£77), will not be on the market until the autumn.

Franziska van Almsick, the 15-year-old German star of the championships, declined to be the guinea-pig in the pool, as she felt she had not had sufficient time to adjust to wearing it before the championships. She swam to victory in the 100 metres freestyle, but failed by less than a tenth of a second to break the world record.

Modesty and championship rules demand that the suit can only be made in black; any other colour and it would be see-through. The cut is high-necked and full body, which is likely to deter many male competitors from trying it, who usually prefer to opt for shaving all their body hair. The swimsuit is so tight it has to be pulled over the head and is fastened between the legs.

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George's gems

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Police suspended after deportation death

By Bill Frost and Richard Ford

THREE police officers involved in the attempt to deport Joy Gardner, a Jamaican, were suspended yesterday as the Metropolitan commissioner pleaded for calm.

The suspensions were announced by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan commissioner, only hours before hundreds of people picketed outside Hornsey police station to protest at the death of Mrs Gardner.

Mrs Gardner's sister, Claudia, told the protesters: "No one has the right to treat another like a dog. The police went in to beat her up and I hope they never sleep again. We are going to get you."

The protesters — most of them white and members of the Socialist Workers party — chanted slogans against police who had set up crowd control barriers around their station. The demonstrators waved placards claiming that the dead woman had been "murdered by police". They also accused the authorities of attempting to "whitewash" her killing.

Gardner: family accuse police of beating her

Djemal Dervish, Mrs Gardner's solicitor, claimed "medieval" forms of restrain had been used on her. He alleged she was held while officers tried to fit a four inch wide belt with hand-cuffs attached and tie her feet and thighs. "Another piece of equipment was also used. I cannot go into details, but it may have played a part in the circumstances surrounding her subsequent death."

In an attempt to defuse tension and anger on the streets and estates of north London, Mr Condon also said that the Metropolitan police's involvement in difficult deportation cases had ceased until the facts of surrounding Mrs Gardner's death had been established.

A full review of Scotland Yard's policy and practices in dealing with deporation cases is also to be held. Bernie Grant, the Labour MP for Tottenham, who met Mr Condon yesterday, joined police in calling for no bad behaviour by protesters. He said: "I have been very impressed by Commissioner Condon's action over this matter. I have every confidence in what Mr Condon has said that there will be no cover-up as far as he is concerned."

The commissioner took the unusual step of holding a press conference at Scotland Yard as the official investigation into Mrs Gardner's death was barely under way. He offered his apologies to the family of Mrs Gardner who died in Whittington hospital on Sunday after collapsing while being served with a deportation order a week ago.

Mr Condon said: "I want to express my sadness and my profound regret at the loss of life of Joy Gardner. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends at this tragic time. In particular I am thinking about her young son, Graham, a very young man, who now has to live with this tragic loss."

The officers suspended are two constables from the nine-

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Charger can give all batteries new life

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

A DEVICE which allows most dud batteries of the kind used in personal stereos, hand-held computer games, personal televisions and the like to be recharged up to 20 times for a pennyworth of electricity sent shares in the Kleeneze Group soaring 44p to 226p yesterday. The British company is backing the gadget.

The device, whose reliability and safety is being challenged by battery manufacturers, was unveiled at the Science Museum in London yesterday. It comes in two models, retailing at £29.95 and £39.95, and will be on sale by mail order and at Leading Edge stores in the next few days.

Andy White, a former electronics researcher with both Philips and Racal, said that his Battery Manager could tackle 90 per cent of conventional batteries. Although the invention, unveiled with the help of Professor Heinz Wolff of Brunel University, will recharge batteries up to 20 times, the charge falls the more often it is done.

The immediate impact on the share prices of Ever Ready or Duracell, two of of the big makers, was impossible to guage. The former is a small part of the Hanson empire, and Duracell is part of an American holding company.

The dream of a safe and reliable method for rejuvenating conventional batteries has been something of a Holy Grail for inventors, and several devices have appeared over recent years. The attraction of a suitable device has increased because of the rising cost of batteries and the envi-

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Hopes rise for mini-boom

By Sara McConnell, Susan Gilchrist and Janet Bush

BRIGHTENING prospects for the British economy point to a mini-boom in the autumn as the City and business prepare for lower interest rates. The latest sign of an upturn came from the travel trade yesterday with reports of a rush by people booking holidays on the back of the stronger pound after the debacle of the Exchange Rate Mechanism.

Thomas Cook said they were getting far more enquiries than normal from people wanting to discuss the best destinations to get the most out of the increased value of the pound.

But the real boost to confidence is the conviction in the City that interest rates will soon fall, reducing mortgage payments and stimulating the housing market. British base lending rates were probably heading lower even before the collapse of the Exchange Rate Mechanism, because of the patchy nature of the recovery and the prospect of tax increases in the autumn budget.

The Midland Bank has revised its forecast for the end of this year, now believing that base rates will fall to 4 per cent instead of 5 per cent.

There are also signs that house prices are at last starting to rise. The Halifax's latest house price index shows a rise of 0.9 per cent in July, following two months of price falls.

There are two main arguments for lower interest rates. Firstly, falling currencies in Europe will erode the competitive gains enjoyed since sterling's departure from the ERM last September and, to counteract this, the pound should probably be forced lower again. Interest rate cuts would cause this.

Secondly, confidence remains low. In spite of the latest indicators, building societies and retailers were both far from euphoric yesterday about economic prospects.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Briton murdered in Moscow hotel

Police in Moscow are investigating the murder of a British marketing representative found stabbed to death in his hotel room. Grzegorz Kusztan was found dead on Sunday by a cleaner at the Mezhdunarodnaya Hotel near the city centre. The newspaper *Moskovskaya Pravda* said Mr Kusztan's body was "riddled with knife wounds".

The British embassy confirmed a "death in suspicious circumstances" had occured and they were trying to contact the victim's family, none of whom are believed to live in the UK, before releasing further details.

Mr Kusztan, 31, is thought to have been working for a British-Russian joint venture called United Telecom, but a Foreign Office spokesman in London said the only known company of that name was no longer in operation. The killing is the latest in a spate of attacks on foreigners in Moscow. Many companies now hire bodyguards.

Threat to Glasgow line

British Rail has admitted that, without major investment, parts of the InterCity west coast main line from London to Glasgow will have to be closed within five years. Major-General Lennox Napier, chairman of the Central Transport Consultative Committee, said: "We have been given to understand by BR that without major work, some sections of the line may have to close within five years or so." Earlier this year, similar concerns were disclosed in an internal InterCity document obtained by *The Times*.

City cars to be filmed

All vehicles and their drivers entering the City of London are to be photographed by automatic cameras, supplementing other measures to curb terrorism. Colin Coxall, acting City police commissioner, said that there was evidence that some attacks had already been deterred by the road blocks set up four weeks ago, and now likely to become permanent.

Queen to attend funeral

The Queen will fly to Brussels on Saturday with the Duke of Edinburgh to attend the funeral of King Baudouin of the Belgians, who died at the weekend aged 62. It will be the first time in her reign that the Queen has attended a funeral abroad, and her first appearance at a state funeral anywhere since Churchill's in 1965.

Yachtsman loses hand

A Spanish sailor had his hand sliced off by a winch wire yesterday while preparing for the Whitbread round the world yacht race. The crewman was training off the Isle of Wight aboard the *Galicia* and was lifted from the yacht by helicopter. He was flown to hospital in Salisbury, Wiltshire, where surgeons were trying to sew back the hand.

Error killed patient

A man died after nurses at Bristol Royal Infirmary forgot to connect him to a ventilator after he had open heart surgery, an inquest was told yesterday. Ron Atherton, 60, died following a successful quadruple heart bypass because staff failed to connect the ventilator's oxygen supply and forgot to turn on safety alarms. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Belfast's Europa sold

The Europa Hotel in Belfast, reputedly the world's most bombed hotel, has been sold to the Hastings hotel group. It is to close temporarily, with the loss of 90 jobs, while a major refurbishment is carried out. The hotel, a favourite haunt of journalists over the years of the troubles, has been in receivership for two years.

Suffolk best for bitter

The best beer in Britain, according to the real-ale campaigner Camra, is a bitter from Suffolk. Adnams Extra, from Southwold, was judged champion beer of Britain at the opening yesterday of the Great British Beer Festival at Olympia in London. The festival is billed as the nation's biggest free house.

Peace plea: Bernie Grant, MP, appealing for calm after talks at New Scotland Yard, where police pledged that there will be no cover-up

Sceptics urge Major to forget monetary union

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Any lull in internal Conservative hostilities over Europe and the Maastricht treaty seems certain to be short-lived

JOHN Major came under renewed pressure from Tory Euro-sceptics yesterday to renounce all intentions of rejoining a reformed European exchange-rate mechanism or participating in the later stages of economic and monetary union.

Anti-Maastricht Conservatives said that in the light of the effective collapse of the ERM, the prime minister should give assurances that he would stand aside from any moves to revive the currency grid or create a single currency.

Pro-European Conservatives, who met Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday, said that the Euro-sceptics were talking nonsense. Ian Taylor (Esher), one of their leading figures, said that if Britain assumed that its partners had abandoned the goal of monetary union, it was in for a nasty shock. The events of the past few days had showed how right the prime minister was to insist on the British opt-outs. His approach had enabled the country to influence the shape of the treaty. It was time for Britain to seize the European agenda.

Mr Taylor, vice-chairman of Positive Europe Group of Tory MPs, said that they and Mr Hurd had agreed that the Maastricht process had been worthwhile because it had preserved Britain's influence within the EC. Now was the time to sell the EC to the country in ways that people could relate to in their everyday lives. Examples included the freer movement of people throughout the community, the enhanced powers of the European Court to ensure that other countries besides Britain played by the rules, stronger consumer protection and wider work opportunities.

The Euro-sceptics' stance suggested that the lull in internal Tory hostilities would prove short-lived: they will be battling for big revisions to the Maastricht treaty in the run-up to the 1996 European summit that will review its operation.

Although Mr Major's decision to rush through ratification of the treaty this week appeared to have taken some of the wind out of the rebels' sails, leading figures made clear yesterday that they would be returning to the fray.

They want the inter-governmental conference planned for 1996 to delete all references to economic and monetary union from the Treaty of Rome and to make clear that national parliaments will have unchallenged sovereignty over economic, foreign and immigration policies.

The rebels fear that once Germany has overcome the inflationary problems posed by unification, Brussels will attempt to resurrect the ERM and the Delors plan for a single currency and central bank by 1999 at the latest.

The rebels have noted that Mr Major has ruled out rejoining the ERM only "in the near future". While he has said that the timetable for economic and monetary union is "wholly unrealistic", he has not repudiated the idea. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said on Monday that "there is nothing fundamentally wrong" with the ERM.

Iain Duncan-Smith, Tory MP for Chingford, said it was time for the government to make absolutely clear that it would not rejoin the ERM. "Exchange-rate mechanisms do not work. They buck the market and you cannot buck the market. We must not get sucked back into a son of ERM which might be cobbled togther to save the political face of Europe."

Michael Spicer (Worcestershire South), one of the Euro-sceptic leaders, signalled bruising confrontations with the government in the run-up to the 1996 summit, which is likely to coincide with preparations for the next election.

"The collapse of the ERM does not mean that the Maastricht treaty is dead. If it is ratified by the Germans it is part of the law of the land, and we will have to comply with setting up all the paraphernalia of the second stage, leading to ERM re-entry. If we want to stop that the Treaty of Rome will have to be amended in 1996."

Taylor: a meeting with the foreign secretary

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Restraining belt used on woman

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member aliens deportation unit and a woman detective sergeant who accompanied an immigration officer. Mrs Gardner, 40, had twice failed to take advantage of government offers to provide her with free flights back to Jamaica.

Scotland Yard has said that when police and immigration officers went to her flat, Mrs Gardner became abusive and violent and had to be restrained. The unit, headed by Inspector Robert Gibb, according to a Metropolitan Police directory, is usually only involved in difficult deportation cases.

Since the early 1980s Metropolitan police officers in the unit have used restraint techniques including handcuffs linked to a belt when putting deportees on aircraft and to restrain them during flights. Mr Condon refused to comment on allegations by Mr Grant and the dead woman's solicitor that the equipment had been used at her flat.

Mr Dervish said: "I understand the authorities intended that Mrs Gardner should be taken from her flat in Hornsey, driven to Gatwick and put aboard a plane to Jamaica while still under these restraints. Her seat was booked on the 3pm flight last Wednesday even though she might have been entitled to a judicial review of her case in the High Court."

The Police Complaints Authority is conducting an investigation.

Battery charger boosts shares

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ronmental problem of disposing of the hundreds of millions used each year.

A spokesman for the British Battery Manufacturers Association in London swiftly denounced the invention as a red herring yesterday. "Apart from the risks of leaking and explosions, why would someone want to recharge primary batteries? If this is what they want, they can buy a nickel-cadmium battery recharging system which allows you to recharge the same battery up to 1,000 times," he said.

But Mr White, product manager of Innovations International of Richmond, Surrey, pointed out that many products will not work with nickel-cadmium power packs. "They are only 1.2 volts, whereas most equipment needs conventional 1.6 volt batteries. A hell of a lot of products you buy today do not work with NiCad batteries," he said.

Battery makers also claim that most consumers run batteries totally flat, which makes it impossible to recharge them. Mr White disputes this. "If you take most electronic products, they do not run the batteries down completely," he said, citing in-house surveys showing that many personal stereos stop running when the battery reaches 1.2 to 1.3 volts. "There were very few we could not recharge," he added.

The battery association spokesman said there had been a recent series of failed devices claiming to be able to recharge non-rechargeable batteries. But Mr White said that, unlike rival devices, his incorporated sophisticated microchip technology which rejected damaged batteries and monitored and modified the charging process. He added that Ever Ready itself admitted in its battery engineering data book that carbon-zinc, zinc-chloride and alkaline manganese dioxide batteries were perfectly rechargeable.

Safety and recharging claims for his device have been verified by Rowland of London, an independent testing company. The company tested the device on well-known mercury-free batteries and concluded: "No safety hazards relating to the dry cells were found using the charger ... the preliminary results indicated performance better than the manufacturer's claims."

Someone who uses a personal stereo for an hour a day is likely to spend £146 a year on disposable batteries. The charger, which costs £29.95 for the version able to handle AA and AAA size power packs and £39.95 for the larger version, which will charge C and D sizes, would cut that to about £15. Both will recharge rechargeable batteries.

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MPs urge British return to Unesco

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE government's reluctance to restore Britain's membership of Unesco, the United Nations' educational, scientific and cultural arm, has been sharply criticised for the third time by MPs on the foreign affairs select committee.

Britain, a founder member of Unesco in 1945, withdrew from the organisation in 1985 amid concern about its management and ideological direction, although it retained observer status.

The withdrawal, a year after America had pulled out, was criticised by the committee at that time for putting at risk Britain's relations with the UN as a whole. A second report from the committee in 1990 urged a return to membership within a year.

In spite of organisational changes at Unesco since 1985, the Foreign Office still refuses to commit itself to re-entry. The government argues that the £11 million cost of membership would have to be taken from other more effective aid programmes.

The latest report from the committee, published yesterday, rejects as "unconvincing" Foreign Office arguments against membership on cost grounds. "We are not persuaded that the issue of whether to rejoin Unesco should be presented as a simple choice between spending money on Unesco or the size of the UK's bilateral aid programme," the report concludes.

It says the net cost of membership would be considerably less than the £11 million quoted by the government because of Unesco's spending in the UK and its employment of UK nationals.

The report also draws attention to comments from Foreign Office ministers that Britain would rejoin if America did. "We believe that the UK should form its own judgment, decide its own priorities and not make its policy upon the coat-tails of the USA."

Lilley to back right-wing calls for single benefit

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the social security secretary, is expected to give partial backing to one of the main proposals in a report from right-wing Conservative MPs calling for a shake-up of the welfare state.

The No Turning Back Group (NTBG) of MPs and ministers wants a single assessment of the needs of claimants to replace the current confusing, overlapping range of forms and interviews.

However, Mr Lilley's endorsement of "one-stop shopping" for claimants is likely to fall short of the MPs' call for more than 30 benefits to be merged into a single payment calculated on an individual's circumstances and needs. The MPs say that the existing mix of flat-rate, universal, contributory and means-tested benefits are an imperfect and wasteful weapon in the fight against poverty.

Mr Lilley, who is at his second home in northern France, is expected to respond to the report early next month. Although he is a member of the Thatcherite grouping, the report has been written by five backbench MPs and its recommendations do not necessarily reflect his thinking.

Members of the NTBG said yesterday they believed their plans for a "whole-person benefit", aimed at cutting fraud and targeting welfare on those in genuine need, would strike a chord with Mr Lilley and that action could come before the next election.

The social security secretary has been challenged by Labour to disown the NTBG blueprint. Whitehall officials said yesterday that he welcomed all contributions to the debate he is encouraging over the future of the welfare state and that he would not reject the report out of hand. However, he was distancing himself from it.

The officials made clear that Mr Lilley was opposed to the plan to allow people in work to switch all their National Insurance contributions to private pension schemes and private schemes insuring against unemployment and sickness. The social security secretary has said that no one should be able to contract out of helping others unable to make provision for themselves. However, Mr Lilley appears to favour limited rebates for those opting out of state cover.

He was also said to believe that independent taxation of husband and wife was a serious obstacle to the MPs' enthusiasm for eventual integration of the tax and benefits system.

One aide said: "He's not rubbishing the report but he's putting distance between himself and it."

Iain Duncan-Smith, MP for Chingford and one of the authors, said yesterday that merging all benefits into a single payment was a "good Conservative objective".

Zeppelin flies back to the future of airships

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE Zeppelin is to fly again for the first time in over 50 years. A Zeppelin airship capable of carrying 12 passengers and able to stay aloft for up to 36 hours is in the final stages of design at the old Zeppelin factory in Friedrichshafen, Germany, and the first prototype will be flying by the end of 1996.

After the crash of the hydrogen-filled Hindenburg in New Jersey in 1937 the company built only one more, the Graf Zeppelin 2 which made a single reconnaissance flight over the east coast of Britain in 1939 before the factory was turned over to producing war supplies.

Now the Luftschiffbau Zeppelin company is preparing to produce an airship whose 68-metre long envelope will be filled with non-inflammable helium.

Its designer, Stefan Unzicker, said yesterday: "Because the name Zeppelin is so closely allied to airships, we received dozens of enquiries over the years asking whether we would produce a new version. Eventually we asked four separate research bodies to study the potential market. To our surprise, they all said that an airship which could operate more independently of ground handling than those now on the market could be in great demand. It would be used for scientific work, tourism, surveying and whatever the client wanted."

The new Zeppelin NT has a complex triangular structure and propellers both at the rear and the side to provide inch-perfect control even in windy conditions.

The original Zeppelin, LZ1, was first flown in 1900 and was the brainchild of former army general Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin. He set up a company to make the Zeppelins in 1903 and until the Hindenburg crash they appeared to be the most important development in flying.

Count von Zeppelin: creator of a legend

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Mourners remember duchess for her gentle character and generosity

Lady Colin Campbell: criticised late duke

By Alan Hamilton

SOME, if not all, of the family feuds that embroiled Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, during her life were buried with her at her funeral yesterday. But the scandal for which the great society beauty is best remembered pursued her to the threshold of the grave.

Among the 100 mourners at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Mayfair, there was no representative of the Argyll family, from which the duchess, who died last week aged 80 and in penury, was cast out in a celebrated divorce in 1963. It was perhaps as well for, on the pavement outside, another Argyll divorcée launched a withering attack on the duchess's late husband.

Lady Colin Campbell, who was briefly married to the late duke's younger son, and who now writes books about the royal family, told reporters: "She was set up by my stinking, rotten, drunken father-in-law who thought that he would blackmail her. When she refused to succumb to blackmail, he dragged her through the mud. It was all so that he could make money out of her."

The duchess had been a kind and generous woman whose 60 years of charity work had gone unnoticed, Lady Campbell added.

Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, 83, a friend for 63 years, said the duchess had been "the most beautiful girl of her generation, and remained so practically until her dying day. She was a very very sweet, gentle character, and her extravagance was entirely the fault of her dear father, who indulged her."

During the requiem, Fr Michael Beattie told the congregation: "Many things have been said about Margaret Argyll in recent days, justifiably or otherwise, and I am not qualified to judge. Much should have been said about her qualities of generosity, friendship, her care and concern for many people who have walked on the stage of her life here on earth."

At least one family quarrel was patched during the duchess's final days, that between herself, a Roman Catholic convert, and her son-in-law, the Duke of Rutland, a staunch Protestant, over which faith her grandchildren should be raised in. The duke and his wife and two of their children were at the funeral, as was Brian Sweeny, her son by her first marriage.

The duchess, banished from the Argylls' Scottish seat at Inveraray Castle during her life, was not even allowed within its sight in death. In her will she asked for a funeral at Brompton Oratory and burial in an Argyllshire churchyard close to the castle, irrespective of its religious denomination. Local people in Inveraray remember her with fondness: during her period as chatelaine she provided them with a mobile cinema.

But her immediate family chose to avoid any possible confrontation with the Campbells. Her funeral was at what had been her local church for 64 years and she was buried yesterday at Brookwood cemetery in Surrey, next to her first husband, the American Charles Sweeny, who died earlier this year.

Her last years had been in a Mayfair nursing home. Michael Thornton, her friend and biographer, said yesterday: "There is no estate. All the money is gone. All that remains are a few personal possessions and her dog." Louis, her pet black poodle, has befriended another resident of the home, the actress Evelyn Laye, 93.

Three thousand people attended the duchess's first wedding, when she was debutante of the year. Yesterday, apart from family mourners, only a knot of reporters and cameramen stood outside the church, still anxious to learn the identity of the headless man in the photographs that were the talking point of the Argyll divorce case. Mr Thornton intends to disclose the man's identity in his forthcoming biography, but yesterday he refused to tell. "The headless man is alive and well, but he was not here today. At least, if he was, he must have been hiding under a pew."

BT woman tells job tribunal of sexual harassment saga

By Nicholas Watt

LEESA Lemm, a British Telecom executive who claims she was sexually harassed by an obsessed male colleague, yesterday told an industrial tribunal that he had waged an abusive campaign for her to have an affair with him.

She said that Michael Haughney, a PhD and Cambridge chemistry graduate who was sacked from his job as a computer analyst last year, had bombarded her with screen messages and asked her about the colour of her underwear.

Miss Lemm, 27, denied Dr Haughney's claims that they had slept together during a company course in Cardiff. "There has definitely not — never — been a relationship between us," she said. "I have never shown him the type of affection a girl friend might show a boy friend. And I deny going to his bedroom or him coming to mine while we were in Cardiff."

Miss Lemm also rejected Dr Haughney's claims that as they lay in bed together, she had laughed when he showed her pictures of rhinoceroses copulating. She had never been shown such a picture, she said. "In fact, if anyone used this as a chat-up line I would seriously consider their mental stability."

Dr Haughney claims that Miss Lemm turned sour after their relationship ended and that he was unfairly dismissed after complaining about company management. He was sacked last year from his £21,000-a-year job at BT's offices in Osterley, west London.

Miss Lemm also told the tribunal of her horror when a male colleague telephoned her to say Dr Haughney had been boasting to the rugby club about seeing a tattoo on her bottom during the alleged affair in Cardiff. "I was very angry and upset, and at first felt I couldn't go back to work," she said. "I just wanted to go to everyone and say, 'It's not true'. But I thought it would make it worse so I didn't say anything."

When Miss Lemm returned to work, Dr Haughney behaved as if he was going out with her. "He was asking when we could go out together, when we could go to dinner together and making comments about my appearance and clothes," she said.

Every time she spurned his advances, she suffered a barrage of abusive messages on the computer system. "He'd try to chat me up, then when I didn't give him the answer he wanted, he would start calling me names. He'd call me common because I hadn't been to university. Then he would say, 'I don't know why I bother with you.' I think on more than one occasion I said, 'Well, why do you?'."

However, Miss Lemm said that she managed to get her own back on Dr Haughney. During a party in a restaurant, two male colleagues "played footsie" with Dr Haughney, pretending to be her. She added: "But to make it clear it was not me I kicked him and said: 'There, that's my leg'."

The tribunal also heard that during a BT enquiry into the allegations, Dr Haughney had written to the company's disciplinary officer complaining that Miss Lemm had "lied deliberately, relentlessly and systematically" about her relationship with him.

Shaun Corry, for BT, said Dr Haughney had written in his letter that Miss Lemm made up stories about him because she wanted her complaint to be "vindictive, malicious and wicked". He said that the letter read: "She used coquetry, emotional blackmail and a St Trinian's schoolgirl act to manipulate extremely effectively a multitude of susceptible men." Mr Corry said Dr Haughney claimed that Miss Lemm was a "spoilt, emotionally crippled child".

The hearing continues.

MICHAEL POWELL

First steps: Charlotte Peacock, 4, of Camden, north London, learns dance skills at a workshop held by the English National Ballet at the Festival Hall yesterday

Bottomley defends jailing of mother

By Richard Duce

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the health secretary, yesterday defended a judge's decision to jail an unmarried mother who left her two-year-old daughter to fend for herself while she went to work.

The child, who had been living near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, is being cared for by her grandmother, a social worker in Essex who, it emerged yesterday, knew nothing of her 23-year-old daughter's predicament.

Mrs Bottomley said: "The courts were right to deal firmly with the mother who left her two-year-old on her own while she went to work. There can be no possible justification for such an act." Mrs Bottomley said that in a society where more women wished to combine domestic and work responsibilities, it was important that safe and proper facilities were available for looking after children.

Teresa Gorman, Tory MP for Billericay, said: "Of course it is terrible to leave a baby on her own for hours on end, but I have to say, 'Where is the father and why isn't he looking to his responsibilities?' If he had been prepared to do his bit by paying the mother's child-minding expenses of £50 a week, then this tragedy would never have occurred."

The child's father disowned the mother when she was three months pregnant and is not recorded on the child's birth certificate.

Warwickshire social services, which intervened after the child was discovered at home with only the television for company, believes the mother should have been the subject of a probation order or a suspended sentence.

A leading childcare charity said it could not condone the mother's actions but believed her six-month jail sentence was harsh. Helen Evans, of the Daycare Trust, said: "However misguidedly, she thought she was acting in her daughter's best interests. To jail her now ... is not in the best interests of the child."

The mother left bed and breakfast accommodation in Essex to take a job at a travel agency in Stratford. She rented a furnished home. Warwick Crown Court heard how, from her £100-a-week wages, she decided she could not afford a childminder. For much of 1991 she went home to her daughter in the lunch-break, but between August and October the child, one of an estimated two million in single-parent homes, was left alone all day. The mother told police: "It was a choice between food and clothes and a childminder."

Passing sentence, Judge Harrison-Hall said: "There must be an alternative to leaving a child alone all day, a thing you would not even do to a dog."

Charles Gardner, the mother's solicitor, said he had been instructed by her not to say anything more on the case. An appeal is expected.

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Auditor 'sacked for uncovering fraud'

By Robin Young

AN AUDITOR who exposed a £400,000 fraud in what claims to be Britain's poorest borough was dismissed while the fraudster was given references that helped him to a better job, it was claimed at an industrial tribunal in Croydon, south London, yesterday.

Colin Cornelius, 34, discovered that a stores manager with Hackney council in east London had posed as the council's purchasing officer to order 700 kitchen units from a Yorkshire company.

The company paid for the manager, his wife and children to visit Yorkshire, staying in an hotel, it was alleged.

Two trailer-loads of kitchen units were delivered as a result, it was claimed, many of which remain unused.

The tribunal was told that the Hackney authority was forced to pay the full cost of the kitchen units.

Yet when the stores manager left, the council supplied references enabling him to become chief purchasing officer for Fife council in Scotland. He was subsequently dismissed when it was discovered he had requisitioned a lorry from Hackney council to move home and had then charged Fife.

Mr Cornelius also alleged that Hackney council wasted money on salaries of more than £20,000 each for four auditors who were left with nothing to do for a year.

Mr Cornelius, who was paid £27,000 a year as a senior auditor, claims he lost his own job because he exposed corruption within the council.

Mr Cornelius, who is claiming racial discrimination, alleges he was sacked after going to his union with details of the fraud.

The council, which claims that Mr Cornelius was properly dismissed in 1992 for breaching disciplinary procedures, replaced its in-house audit department with auditors brought in Price Waterhouse.

The case continues today.

Army officer stole £13,000 cheque

By A Staff Reporter

A BRITISH Army officer who escorted foreign dignitaries on arms-buying visits to Britain lined his own pocket in a big expenses fiddle, a court martial was told.

Major Donald Farquharson, of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, used a Korean government cheque for £13,697 to pay off his overdraft and go on a spending spree, Major Ruth Sullivan told the court at Aldershot, Hampshire.

Farquharson, 39, whose military career spanned 19 years, admitted four charges of theft, two of deception and one of false accounting.

The offences happened while he was working at the Ministry of Defence in a department dealing with export sales. The Koreans were not told of the swindle because it was "politically far too sensitive".

The £13,697 cheque had been to cover the cost of the Koreans' accommodation and transport. After paying the cheque straight into his bank account, Farquharson later sent a banker's draft for £2,229 to the Korean colonel heading the delegation, saying he had managed to cut down some of the expenses.

Major Sullivan, for the prosecution, said the major also siphoned off more than £4,000 of taxpayers' money by submitting false receipts and credit card slips for meals, drinks and entertainment.

He spent the money on clothing, toys for his two young daughters and drink.

He was exposed when a civil servant noticed how many credit card receipts were badly damaged or torn and an investigation was launched.

Captain Tina Smith, Adjutant at Bovington Support Unit, Dorset, where Farquharson is now based, told the court he had an exemplary record but had been made redundant because of cutbacks and was due to leave in March next year.

He will be sentenced today.

£8m bags prime shooting estate

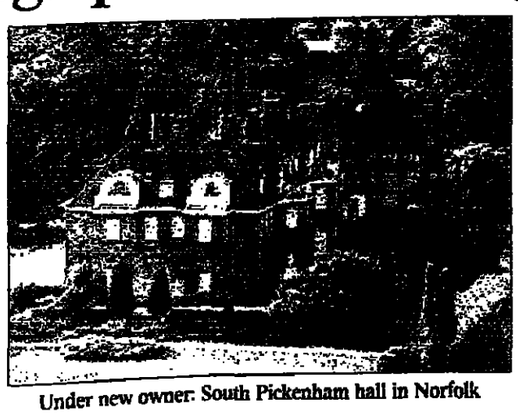
By John Shaw

AN UNKNOWN foreign buyer yesterday paid £8.6 million for the estate village of South Pickenham, Norfolk, and some of the best shooting land in Britain.

South Pickenham hall and its 3,627 acre estate went on the market for £6 million to £10 million ten weeks ago but Knight Frank & Rutley, the agent, said a confidentiality clause prevented it giving details of the sale.

The original hall was Tudor but the present 20-bedroom red-brick house dates from about 1905 and stands at the centre of a park thought to have been laid out by Humphrey Repton. Also included in the sale are a vineyard, three farmhouses, one with an 858-acre tenanted farm, 500 acres of woodland and a stretch of the river Wissey.

The house was originally owned by the Morton family and between the wars the estate was famous for its pheasant and patridge shoots. But the Mortons sold it in 1986 to Richard Daniels, who grew up in a council house and made his fortune from garden sheds and window frames. He decided to sell in the spring.


Under new owner: South Pickenham hall in Norfolk

Malcolm Napthen, the estate manager, said he did not know the buyer's identity. "But whoever it is has bought a wonderful place. When I came here in 1978 it was a desert but now it's an oasis. We put a lot of organic matter into the soil. We put irrigation in and really transformed the place. It's something we're all very proud of and I hope the new owners will be."

The sale includes a village post office but there is no pub and most of the 150 villagers shop five miles away in Swaffham.

James Bilverstone, 69, said both his grandparents and parents worked on the estate. His grandfather was gamekeeper for 52 years.

"Mr Guy Morton was a gentleman. It's a pretty place but the atmosphere has gone. There's no community life as such now. When there were shooting parties there were four or five gamekeepers, four or five gardeners and all sorts of people were up at the house. It brought work to the village. It was a thriving place."

All that had changed. "I know more people in the churchyard than I do outside," he added.

Another villager, Raymond Barber, 66, who was once a gardener at the house, said: "I can remember a time when you had to nod and touch your forelock when the master drove by. It will be interesting to see what happens now."

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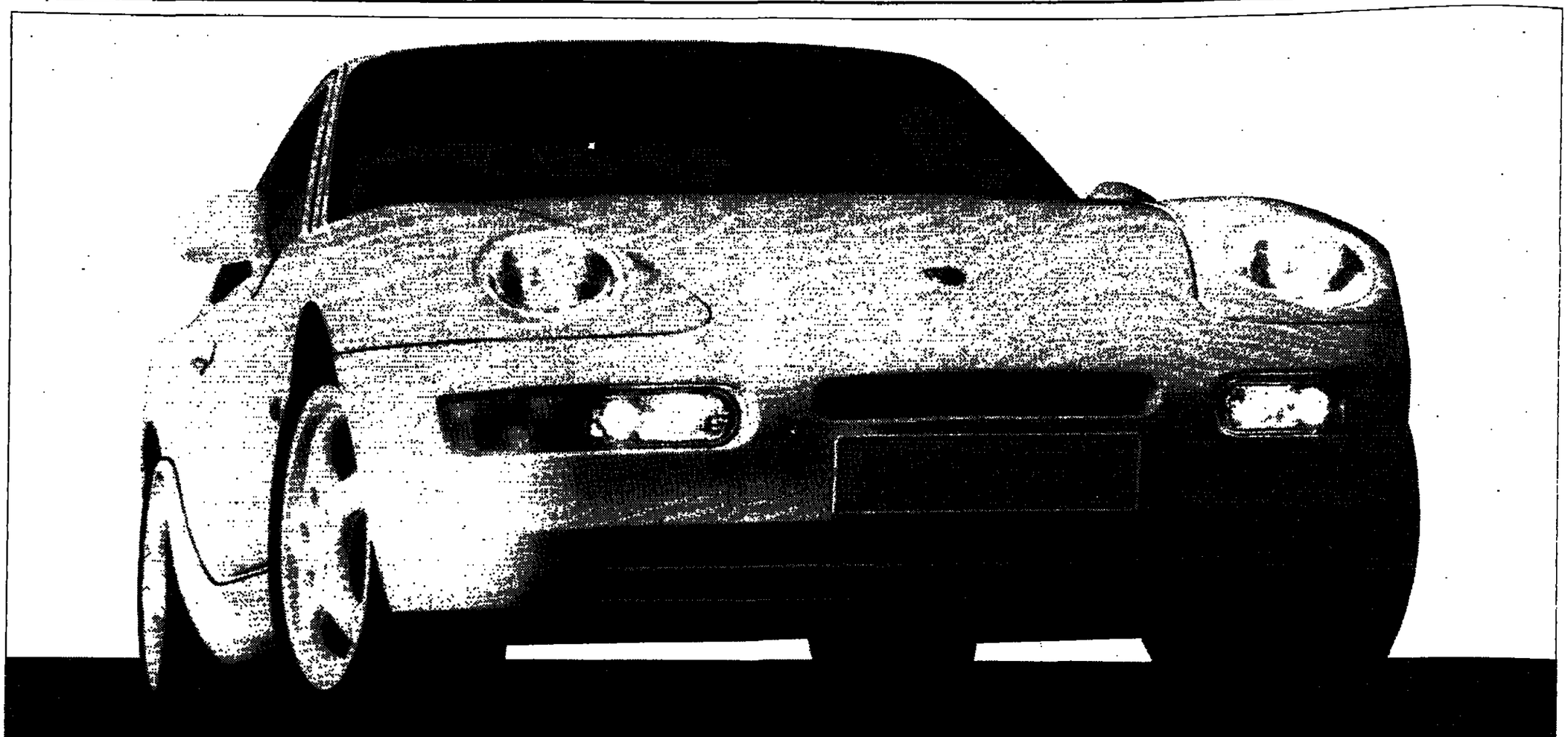

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The education debate

Moderates oppose mums' army of primary teachers

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

■ The Association of Teachers and Lecturers fears education training reforms will create two tiers in the classroom

THE main moderate teaching union yesterday threatened to disrupt plans to end all-graduate entry to the profession.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) instructed members not to co-operate with proposals to create a so-called "mums' army" of infant teachers from parents with only one year's training.

The move poses a fresh threat to John Patten, the education secretary, as he struggles to regain the initiative after a series of embarrassing policy retreats in the wake of this summer's tests boycott. These climaxed on Monday with the decision to abandon publication of league tables of school test results for 7 and 14-year-olds.

Ministers have been surprised by the strength of opposition to its teaching training proposals, which have provoked 2,000 mostly hostile responses during consultation.

Under the plan, older people with the equivalent of two A levels, but without a degree, will be allowed to teach children aged up to seven after a one-year course. The government hopes the fresh route into teaching, with a switch to more school-based training, will tap a new sources of talent, including nursery nurses and parents who have previously helped in schools.

The ATL, which has 50,000 primary members, said in its submission that it was gravely concerned that the scheme would create a two-tier profession. That was unfair to those entering the one-year course as their promotion prospects, freedom to move between schools and status were likely to be limited.

Meryl Thompson, head of the union's policy unit, said the proposals were not supported by teachers or the wider educational world. "They represent a serious threat to standards of education in our primary schools. Young children deserve an improved quality of schooling, not more experimentation with cutting costs and corners."

The union advised members not to volunteer as mentors for people taking the one-year course and to lobby school governing bodies until the government gave clear quality guarantees. It said the proposals made the mistake of seeing the skills required to teach younger children as simpler, more accessible and less important than those needed to teach older pupils.

The National Association of Head Teachers, which represents most primary heads, has already said it will advise governors to restrict recruitment to graduates. David Hart, the general secretary, said the arrival of non-graduates would lower classroom standards.

Head teachers may be able to resist the spread of new courses while difficulties in the graduate employment market continue to encourage enrolment for teacher training courses. But, as the recession ends, the withdrawal of university education departments from initial training could change the situation.

The education department said it was evaluating all responses to the non-graduate proposal and expected to publish detailed plans in the early autumn.

Sickness bodes ill for Patten's future

BY OUR EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, was convalescing in his Oxfordshire garden while his deputies attempted to tackle the weeds that are steadily overwhelming his ministerial patch.

The scale of reversals over league tables and testing this week has blighted the education secretary's future as he departs for France to recover from a serious bout of viral gastro-enteritis.

Mr Patten has vehemently denied reports that his illness is stress-related. But its timing has been calamitous for an ambitious politician running dangerously short of allies after presiding over the collapse of policy recently regarded as a government strength.

Patten: regarded by some as beyond salvage

It was left to his education minister, Baroness Blatch, to marshal a dignified retreat on Monday after publication of Sir Ron Dearing's policy review. Dressed in daffodil yellow, she deftly tried to draw a line under this summer's boycott of tests with calm words to placate teachers.

Certainly, if Mr Patten chose not to return to his desk on August 23, as is planned, Mr Major would not have to look far for a successor.

He admired Lady Blatch's political skills as leader of Cambridgeshire County Council during the 1980s and took the unusual step of elevating a minister of state to the Privy Council in January. She has stood in for Mr Patten at the last three cabinet meetings.

Yesterday there were rumbles of discontent on the Conservative back benches, which bode ill for Mr Patten. Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North and a former education minister, expressed grave reservations at the decision to abandon the manifesto pledge of league tables for seven-year-olds.

While Sir Rhodes remains loyal, others regard Mr Patten as beyond salvage and are surprised he survived the summer reshuffle. They question his handling of the teachers' dispute and wonder whether earlier concessions might have avoided the need for such a wholesale retreat.

Moderate teaching unions, initially anxious for compromise, felt they were being treated like militants by Mr Patten's hardline, but ultimately empty rhetoric. His tactics of relying on court action to outlaw the dispute and issuing veiled threats about tightening industrial law helped to unite the opposition.

Many argue that Mr Patten's problems began after he took over at education in April last year. He went into purdah for three months to prepare the Choice and Diversity white paper and failed to capitalise on the initial goodwill with which teachers greeted the appointment of a former Oxford don.

JEFF OVERS

Look back in anger: Lady Thatcher talking to Hugh Scully during filming

Thatcher gives lift to autumn viewing

BY ALISON ROBERTS

BARONESS Thatcher talks with startling frankness about her 11 years in Downing Street and about the "treachery" encountered during her last days of power in a new BBC series unveiled yesterday.

The four-part *Thatcher: the Downing Street Years*, which includes interviews with former presidents Reagan and Gorbachev, also features the candid views of Lady Thatcher's critics. In a preview clip Lord Prior refers to her "dictatorial" style.

Hugh Scully, the producer, said that the former prime minister was emotional about the circumstances of her resignation. "Her descriptions of the days leading up to it are absolutely gripping. She used the word treachery, but I can't say about who," he said.

Michael Heseltine was one of the few politicians who refused to take part. John Major has agreed and will be filmed shortly. The programme, to broadcast in October to coincide with the publication of Lady Thatcher's memoirs, forms part of the BBC1 autumn schedule announced yesterday by the channel's new controller, Alan Yentob.

Mr Yentob referred to the listings as "my first try with a lot of help from my friends". The £175 million package moves back to drama with more than 80 hours of original production. It also places emphasis on the arts, with an extended 26-week season for *Omnibus*, and on younger comic entertainers.

Speculation about Bruce Forsyth's future with the BBC was ended with a new series of the *Generation Game* scheduled for September. The programme is given conspicuously little space in publicity material, however.

David Attenborough returns to the screen with *Life in the Freezer*, a series about wildlife in the Antarctic. BBC cameras also spent eight months in the Sheffield Children's Hospital to produce a ten-part documentary series. *Blue Peter* will celebrate its 35th birthday in October with a nostalgia-filled programme featuring a host of previous presenters.

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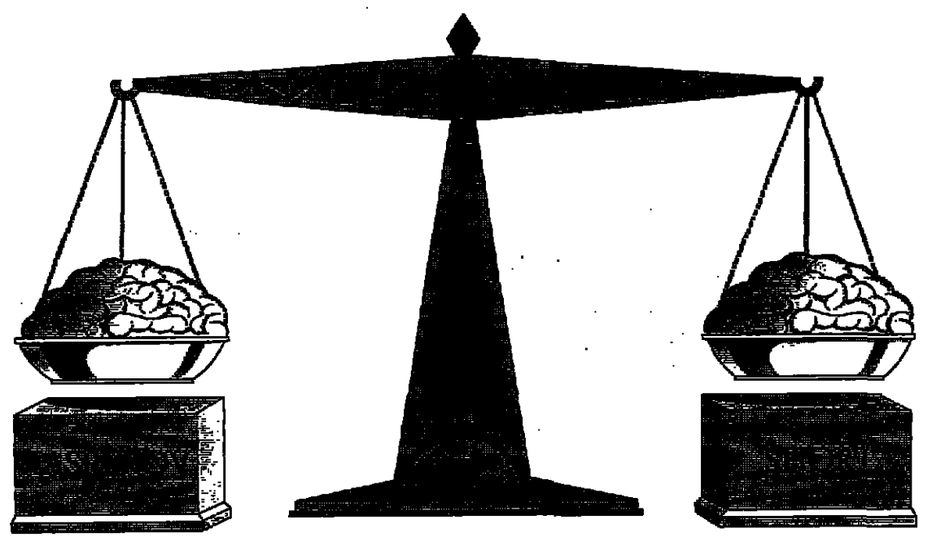

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Pollution inspectors approve orimulsion for power stations

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A THICK black fuel that has been described as the dirtiest in the world is to be used at power stations in Kent and Merseyside, to the anger of environmental campaigners.

Orimulsion, a cheap fuel mined in the Orinoco region of Venezuela, has been approved by the pollution inspectorate for fuelling the Richborough and Ince B power stations, which were built to burn heavy fuel oils.

Dr Robert Pigmore, of Gibb Environmental Science, a firm that has studied the fuel for South Pembrokeshire council, said yesterday: "This could open the floodgates." National Power has been seeking to switch a 2,000 megawatt station from oil to orimulsion generation at Pembroke.

A spokesman for BP Bitor, a Venezuelan-British Petroleum company which is importing the fuel, said the decision "vindicates BP Bitor's claim that orimulsion is not a dirty fuel". BP Bitor hopes to import 30 million tonnes of orimulsion into Europe, using Britain as a bridgehead.

Orimulsion is cheaper than coal on the world market and reserves in Venezuela are vast. "It is the coal equivalent of 64 billion tonnes, or twice Australia's extensive coal deposits," the spokesman said. PowerGen will be buying about 1.3 million tonnes to fuel the two stations: Richborough, on the Kent coast near Sandwich, and Ince B in Merseyside.

The granting of authorisations follows tests showing that the Venezuelan fuel is in some respects cleaner, yet in other cases dirtier than oil and coal. Orimulsion, a mixture of bitumen, water and detergents which needs to be kept warm to avoid it solidifying, emits less oxide of nitrogen and 20 per cent less carbon dioxide than coal. It emits less vanadium and nickel than oil. However, it produces higher emissions of sulphur dioxide, the gas linked with acid rain than rival fuels. A spokesman for PowerGen said yesterday that levels of particulates were also lower.

However, Dr Pigmore said their studies indicated that the orimulsion waste particles were much finer than from other fuels. This raises concerns that they might penetrate much further into the human respiratory system.

The company claims that it plans to minimise sulphur dioxide emissions by running the stations for less than 24 hours a day and have fitted sophisticated particulate-removal technology. Under the terms of the authorisations, the generator also has to inform the inspectorate by next year on plans to cut sulphur emissions further and carry out these works by April 1998.

Japan has two orimulsion stations with a third due to come on stream in 1997. Canada is refitting one, and trials are bring carried out in Portugal, Italy and Germany.

Tourist traps: Sarah Smith, 22, is back home in Sheffield after spending three days in a Cretan jail for dancing provocatively in a disco. Thomas Cook, the tour operator, warned travellers against applying British standards of behaviour to cosmopolitan holiday destinations. Among activities to avoid are baring too much flesh in Tunisia, blowing your nose in public in Japan or dropping a cigarette butt in Singapore.

Ministers offer 44-tonne lorries to sweeten rail plans

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LORRIES weighing 44 tonnes are to be allowed on Britain's roads as part of the government's attempt to make its rail privatisation proposals more attractive.

Only fleet owners who use their lorries as part of a combined road and rail operation will be allowed to operate the vehicles, which are six tonnes heavier than currently permitted and equal to the weight of 29 saloon cars.

The move was condemned by the Freight Transport Association (FTA), which wants unrestricted use of the lorries. It accused John MacGregor, the transport secretary, of "putting greater credence on the dogma of rail privatisation than the interests of industry and the community".

Mr MacGregor said the new lorries would cause no more wear on roads than existing vehicles because the load would be distributed over six axles rather than five. "Taken together with new grants for companies that introduce railway facilities at their depots, new grants to help with track costs and the opportunities offered by the Channel tunnel, this is an excellent start for rail privatisation.

"The rail freight industry has been declining for many years with the shift away from heavy industry and the growth in delivery techniques. This measure will help to turn the tide," Mr MacGregor said. "Britain's road haulage industry is already extremely efficient and competitive. We want combined road-rail transport to be equally competitive."

Garry Turvey, director-general of the FTA, said: "The government has gone for an option that has the least benefits to industry, the environment and the economy. It is a decision based not on rational argument but on the political desire to put greater credence on the dogma of rail privatisation. I find it inconceivable that the government, having accepted the technological, economic and environmental benefits of 44-tonne vehicles on six axles, has now turned its back on them."

There has been support, however, from hauliers eager to exploit the new weight limit and rail opportunities. InterCity Transport is conducting trials with RoadRailer, a trailer system developed in America. The trailers can be switched from road to rail in minutes, and are being tested on a rail freight service between London and Glasgow.

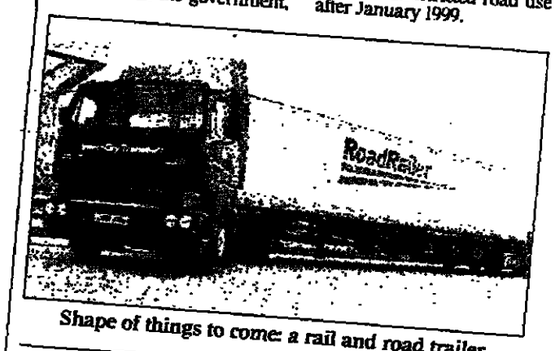
Les O'Brien, managing director of the company, which is not connected with BR's InterCity service, said combined transport systems offered a solution to environmental pressures, particularly with the 44-tonne limit.

According to the FTA, unrestricted use of 44-tonne lorries would mean 9,000 fewer lorries on the roads, an 800,000-tonne annual reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, a reduction in annual lorry miles of 480 million and a £300 million saving for industry.

The government's announcement means that 44-tonne lorries will be allowed to operate when carrying containers or to swap bodies to or from rail terminals, provided they have six axles and road-friendly suspension.

Operators will have to carry evidence on the vehicle to show that the cargo has come by, or is destined for, rail. No distance limitation will be placed on the road leg to or from the rail terminal.

To entice more haulage companies to use rail, the government will offer grants of up to 100 per cent of the track charges where it is necessary and justified by wider environmental benefits. The government is engaged in a £200 million programme to test and strengthen bridges to ensure that they can cope with 40-tonne lorries, which will be allowed unrestricted road use after January 1999.



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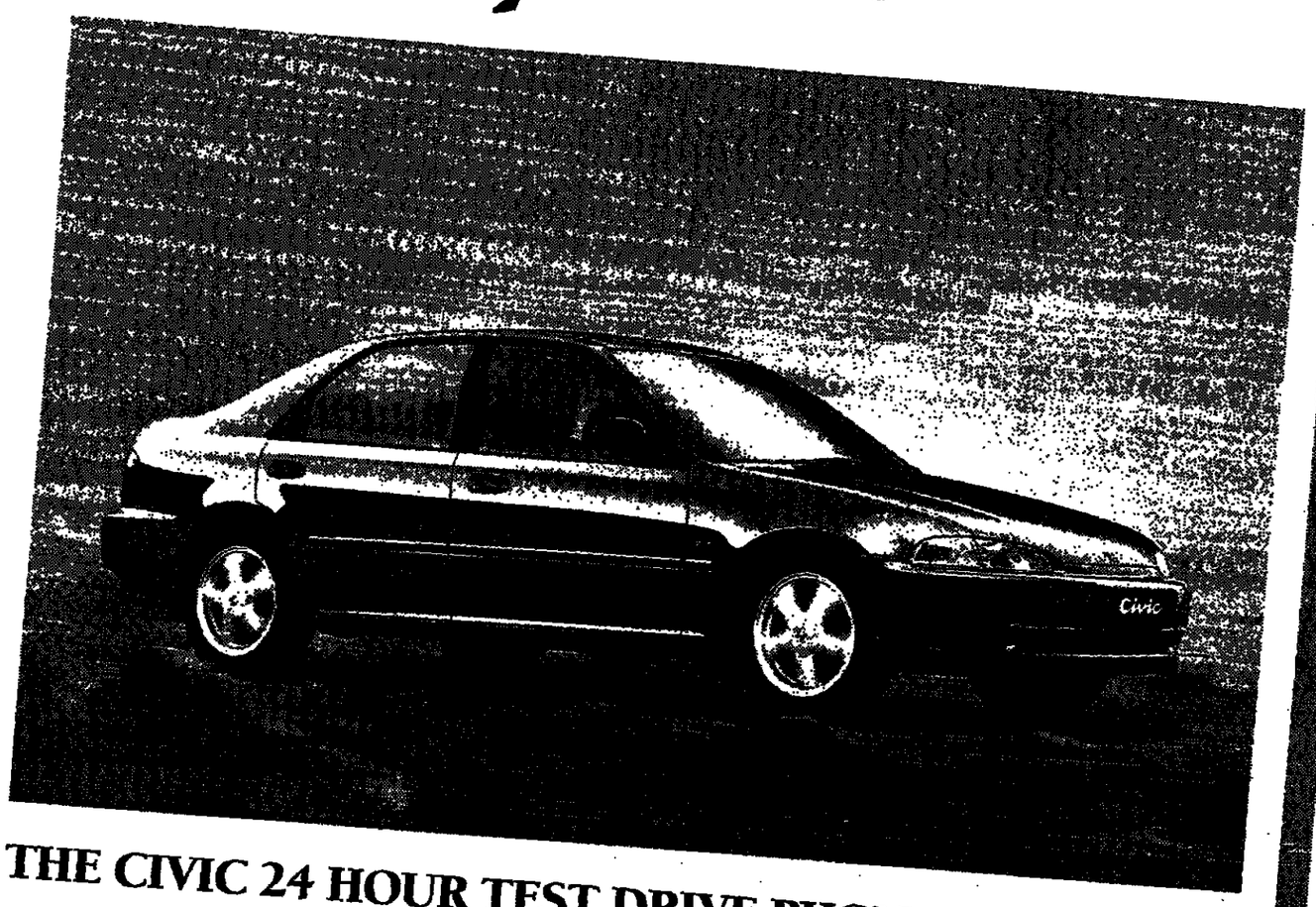

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Gangs use soccer as cover for crime

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

RAPE, armed robbery and fraud are being committed by a hard core of 500 football hooligans when they travel to cities where police do not know them, a police chief said yesterday.

On the eve of a new season Supt Adrian Appleby, head of the national anti-hooligan unit, said that the largest gang was the Chelsea Headhunters. Its 80 members include 20 who travel the world Club Class following the England team, give their occupations as company directors but have never worked.

Mr Appleby said that the top tier of the gang was investigated in the 1980s. Prosecutions failed because of allegations about police operations. Mr Appleby said a myth that the gang was untouchable had encouraged junior members.

The original leaders have gone and the new generation, in their late 20s and early 30s, are not only involved with violence linked to Chelsea. There are alliances with fans of other teams including Colchester and Heart of Midlothian. When the Scottish team played in Liége their supporters asked for help from the Chelsea gang and 30 members went to Belgium, where there was violence.

The highly organised group can muster 100 members for pre-arranged battles which will take place well away from grounds. Police halted one planned fight in Brighton and found gang members armed with a variety of weapons.

Chelsea Headhunters have also been recruited by the British National Party, which has found members in gangs at six other clubs in England and Scotland. Mr Appleby said that about half the clubs in the English and Scottish professional leagues were followed by gangs.

Last season there were 6,329 arrests in grounds compared with 6,378 in 1991-2 and 5,586 in 1990-1. The figures, though, do not include incidents away from grounds. Mr Appleby said: "We are now finding a lot of inveterate criminals are using facilities to move around the country and commit crimes."

Much of the violence and crime took place well away from grounds and might never have been linked to football. In Manchester an armed robbery on a building society was committed by an Arsenal supporter on the day his team was playing there.

Two women were raped in Barnet, north London, on the day of a match between Colchester and Barnet. Police investigating the rapes checked the computer kept by the unit which matches descriptions to photographs of known hooligans. Two men were identified and convicted. When England played in Sweden, football supporters used fake £20 notes for restaurant and hotel bills.

Mr Appleby said that he constantly urged foreign countries not to deport offenders but to prosecute. Too often the local authorities decided it was easier to throw them out.

His unit's files include individuals deported up to six times without any convictions. Some of the men, he said, now never bothered to buy a return ticket.

Appleby: crime occurs away from grounds

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Champions of the royal and ancient game highlight benefits to the rural environment

Golf courses accused of despoiling countryside

BY JAMES LANDALE

GOLF courses despoil the landscape, encourage the use of pesticides, use valuable water during droughts and spawn unsightly clubhouses, hotels and roads, according to this month's edition of *Geographical*, the magazine of the Royal Geographical Society.

More than 270 courses have been built since 1985 and planning permission for 1,000 more is being considered, much of it on set-aside land which farmers have been paid by the European Community not to use.

Four years ago, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, the body that governs the rules of golf, said demand was such that at least 700 new courses should be built by 2000. Britain's two million golfers have more than half of Europe's 3,687 courses.

Sue Wheat, author of the *Geographical* article, conceded that golf courses were "a preferable alternative to industry or housing estates". But she said that "the golf boom has become a frenzy, and inadequate government regulation means it is endangering large swaths of farmland, common land, countryside and historic parkland". She is assistant editor of *Tourism in Focus*, which campaigns for green tourism.

She claimed that many developers bullied councils into rejecting the views of local people. Last year, Aylesbury Vale District Council in Buckinghamshire gave permission for 22 new courses to open when only one in seven local people said they wanted one. People often felt that golf courses would spoil the landscape, be exclusively for the rich and take common land out of public use.

Golfing authorities denied yesterday that courses were environmentally hostile and said that intensive agriculture was far more damaging.

Neil Hayward, golf development administrator for the English Golf Union, said that a recent conference held by the British Association of Nature Conservationists, called "Golf Courses: Friend or Foe of the Countryside", had concluded with "a positive response in favour of golf courses.

"We work as far as possible with nature conservationists to develop the best environmental aspects of a golf course," he said. "Obviously, there is a landscape change in certain areas but as long as people develop golf courses with caution and consideration, there is no need for concern."

He said that the rough on each golf course, normally about 50 per cent of the land, was uncultivated. "Compared with the amount of fertiliser used on agricultural land, we use much less."

He also denied that golf courses were the preserve of the rich. "The majority of new courses are being opened on a 'pay-as-you-play' basis, not on a private one," he said.

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient, said that golf and nature conservancy went comfortably together. "Championship golf courses have more sites of special scientific interest on them than almost anywhere else," he said. "They do protect wildlife."

Robert Williams, general manager of the London Golf Club, near Ash in Kent, which opens next month, said that no expense had been spared to make the two new 18-hole courses environmentally friendly. A new underground irrigation system on the 560-acre site meant that 25 per cent of all the water sprinkled on the ground was reused. No mature trees had been cut down and 10,000 new trees and shrubs, as well as new grasses and wild flowers, had been planted. Both courses have been designed by the Jack Nicklaus company.

"With 11 new lakes, there is a great new encouragement for birdlife to come back; there are some ducks already and I saw a few Canada geese the other day," he said. "We have used local sand in the bunkers and we have kept to the natural contours of the property."

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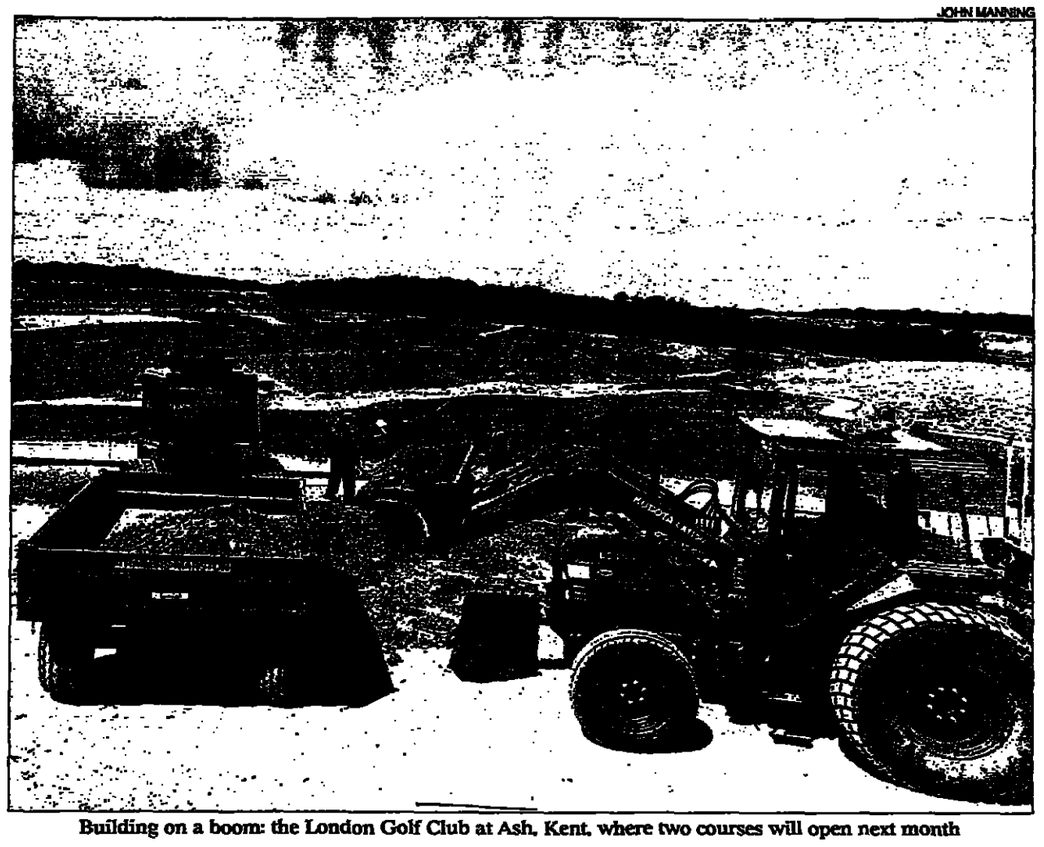

Building on a boom: the London Golf Club at Ash, Kent, where two courses will open next month

Scottish clubs start wildlife campaign

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

GOLF clubs in Scotland are being urged by conservation groups to take their environmental responsibilities more seriously.

Scotland's 450 golf clubs are being invited to sign a wildlife charter that will commit them to limiting the use of fertilisers, carrying out environmental surveys of their greens and appointing officers to oversee environmental projects.

The initiative will be launched next month by Lord Whitelaw, the chairman of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, at Gleneagles. Magnus Magnusson, chairman of Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), will also address the nation's golfers.

Karen Morrison, SNH's urban conservation officer, said: "Mown greens with lollypop trees stuck in the middle of them are often too urban-looking for rural landscapes. The idea is to get golf clubs to make their courses complement the beautiful scenery around them and preserve the existing wildlife." Two Scottish golf courses, Linlithgow in West Lothian and Easter Moffat near Airdrie, have been involved in a pilot project.

At Linlithgow, a survey showed that a sparrow hawk was nesting on the course and that there were marsh orchids and other wild flowers on the greens. A landscape assessment has been conducted and expert advice taken. The course is changing the slope of some bunkers to improve the visual impact and is leaving some areas unmown. Miss Morrison said: "They have stopped mowing on the seventeenth, apart from creating a trolley line, and they have increased the rough on the first."

The clubhouse has put up a board on which players note wildlife sightings and is thinking of placing a board at each tee to tell golfers of wildlife in the area. More trees are to be planted on the course.

Speakers from the Linlithgow and Easter Moffat courses will relate their experience to those attending the Scottish Golf Course Wildlife Initiative on September 9.

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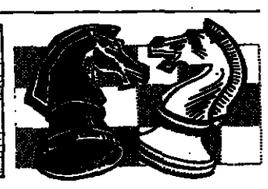


BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fide Interzonal

THE British grandmaster Michael Adams was unable to take part in the British championship at Dundee this week because its start was too close to the end of the Fide Interzonal in Biel, Switzerland, where he finished joint second after an outstanding series of games and qualified with ease for the next elimination section.

Adams' best win was against the veteran Viktor Korchnoi. To help readers new to chess to follow the moves of this game I have given one diagram at the height of White's attack after move 33 and another in the position where Korchnoi resigns.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Viktor Korchnoi
Biel Fide Interzonal 1993

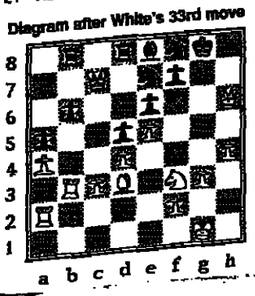
French Defence

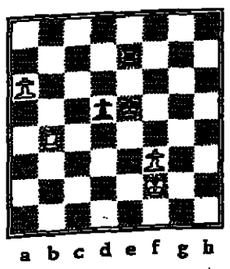
1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	c5
4	Ngf3	c4
5	g3	Nf6
6	e5	Nfd7
7	a4	Nc6
8	Bg2	Be7
9	0-0	Nb6
10	Re1	a5
11	b3	cxb3
12	c3	0-0
13	Cxb3	Bd7
14	Ba3	Rb8
15	Rab1	Nc8
16	Bxe7	NBxe7
17	Rb2	Na7
18	Qa3	Bc6
19	Reb1	Oc7
20	Bf1	Rfd8
21	Nb3	b6
22	Nbd2	h6
23	h4	Ng6
24	Bd3	Nf8
25	Nf1	Be8
26	Ne3	Qc6
27	Ra2	Rdc8
28	Rb3	Qc7
29	Qb2	Rd8
30	Ng4	Nc8
31	Qd2	Ne7
32	Nxh6+	gxh6
33	Qxh6	Nf5

see diagram

34	Qg5+	Kh8
35	g4	f6
36	exf6	Nh7
37	Qd2	Bh5
38	gxh5	Rg8+
39	Kf1	Rb8
40	Ne5	Rd6
41	Ng6+	Rgxg6
42	hxg6	Qh2
43	Bxf5	Rd5
44	c4	Qh1+
45	Ke2	Qxh4
46	Rg3	Ng5
47	Qe3	Qh5+
48	Kf1	Kg7
49	cxd5	Nf3
50	Rxf3	Rxf3
51	Qe5+	Qxe5
52	dxe5	exd5
53	Rb2	Rf5
54	Rxb6	Rxe5
55	Rb5	Kxg6
56	Rxa5	Re4
57	f3	Rb4
58	Ra8	Kf5
59	a5	Rb7
60	Ke2	Kf4
61	a6	Rf7
62	Rb8	Re7+
63	Kf2	Ke5
64	Rb4	Black resigns

Diagram after White's 33rd move





White is only one pawn ahead but with two passed pawns on far flung sides of the board, White's resources are sufficient to win. The technique is to put White's rook on a4 to drive the black rook into a passive position.

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Female doctors struggle to find a job that allows them to balance the demands of home and work

Hospitals run by the male mafia

WOMEN FAILED BY MEDICINE

Jeremy Laurance examines the discrimination faced by women in the health service, where they often earn less and are given the menial jobs

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY

Health secretary vows to make service responsive to women

"WOMEN are the largest users of the health service, the main decision makers and communicators about health in the family and the largest group of employees in the NHS. I am determined to have services that are responsive to them.

"We were one of the first countries to establish regular screening for cervical cancer and the figures show a 15 per cent fall in deaths between 1985 and 1991. One in 14 women get breast cancer and it is right that we should invest heavily in breast screening. We have set target reductions under the Health of the Nation strategy of 25 per cent in deaths from breast cancer and 20 per cent in deaths from cervical cancer by the year 2000.

"Women patients increasingly want the choice of seeing a woman doctor. I recognise women doctors have still got to break down a number of barriers and it is my job to help them and ensure they are given the maximum opportunities.

"We have issued new guidance to hospital appointments committees to ensure they treat women equally. Gone are the days of the old boy network. We have a scheme for training women surgeons — where women are particularly underepresented — under which women are allocated a mentor to help them on their way.

"One of my first objectives when I was appointed a minister in the health department was to ensure the NHS was signed up to Opportunity 2000 [the government's industry-wide initiative to have more women appointed in senior positions].

"We have established specific targets to increase the proportion of women consultants from 9.7 per cent to 15 per cent by 1994-5 and to increase the number of women on the boards of trust hospitals and in NHS management. We have set up the NHS women's unit and made very substantial progress in introducing part-time training. I shall take any further steps I can to encourage women GPs to participate more in the running of family doctor practices."

Discrimination against women doctors is rife within the medical profession which is run by a male mafia, medical organisations claimed yesterday. The exclusion of women from senior positions in the health service must be overcome if women patients are to be given a better service, they said.

Women are failing to apply for consultant posts in specialties such as obstetrics and gynaecology, where they are most needed, because they are put off by the male culture that pervades hospitals at senior levels. In general practice they are paid less than men, given menial tasks and excluded from decision-making.

Responding to the *Times* investigation into medicine's failure to meet women's needs, medical organisations said that women patients preferred treatment from women doctors but there were not enough to meet the demand. Although growing numbers of women were taking up medicine, many were being forced to take minor jobs.

More than half of all general practices do not have a woman doctor available for patients, according to the British Medical Association. "There are very definite pockets of discrimination." Dr Judy Gilley, of the association's GPs committee, said. "Women find it difficult to get a job in general practice that allows them to balance the demands of home and work. Many have no contract, are paid less than male doctors for the work they are doing and are not included in decision-making."

The policy of appointing at least one female consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology to every district hospital was backfiring, the Medical Women's Federation said. Dr Gillian Markham, president of the federation, said: "If there is only one she is hammered because everyone wants to see her." Positive discrimination may be necessary to get more women in senior posts, she said. "Women get on to consultant shortlists but there are always reasons why they don't get appointed."

Figures from the health department show that less than 13 per cent of consultants in obstetrics and gynaecology were women in 1991 and their numbers increased by fewer than four a year over the previous five years. The number of female senior registrars in the specialty, who will be tomorrow's consultants, increased by fewer than five a year over the same period.

The Medical Research Council said it would act to correct the lack of women in senior positions in medical research, which has led to the neglect of women in big studies. From next year, it is to alter the criteria for awarding research grants to provide more part-time jobs to encourage women to take up projects. "There are few women in senior research positions and we are making big efforts to encourage more." Diana Dunstan, director of research management at the council, said.

Dr Richard Smith, editor of the *British Medical Journal*, which is carrying a series of articles on discrimination against women this week, said the problem was rooted in cultural attitudes which regarded women as inferior. "It will take a long time to reverse. Doctors have only comparatively recently paid attention to the problem. You can hasten the process with statutory measures but no one would claim the Equal Opportunities Commission had ended discrimination against women.

"Doctors live in a world where male values dominate. They are not consciously prejudiced against women but they create an atmosphere in which women find themselves like fish out of water."

GERMAINE GREER

Modern medicine harms women, argues feminist campaigner

WOMEN are "the medicated sex", according to Germaine Greer, who is writing a book on women and health.

"I am very concerned about women's submissiveness to doctors. Future generations are going to be amazed that so many women in the late 20th century had their bellies opened. Women's abdominal operations outnumber all others. They are going to wonder if it was some kind of ritual and we should be wondering, too.

"Women carry so many scars. I suspect their state of social oppression encourages doctors to intervene. When under stress, women attack their own bodies. If you talk to doctors who are reluctant to cut — and there aren't many of them — they will tell you they lose patients because they are unwilling to perform invasive procedures. Women will shop around for a hysterectomy.

"The bewildering fact is that although women are undertreated for some things they are overtreated for others. Fibroids, for example, are treated as a life-threatening condition when they are nothing of the sort. There is never enough investigation done before remedies are tried. It is very bad science to argue from the remedy to the underlying condition. It is never done with men because men are more suspicious. No one wants to believe that testosterone secretion is a problem in men but they believe every single hormone secreted by women causes problems.

"Women are being advised to take hormone replacement therapy because one in four will have a major fracture before they are 80. But in order for one in four to avoid a fracture, four out of four have got to take a daily medication which three out of four will not need. Men would regard that as totally unacceptable. They would tell you to go and jump in the lake. Which is why we don't have a male contraceptive."

Female doctors, she argues, have to study their own sex from a male viewpoint: "*Gray's Anatomy* regards the male body as the paradigm and women first appear in the section on reproduction."

Royal college keeps grip on maternity care

SENIOR members of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists tried to interfere with the publication of a report this week that is expected to revolutionise the provision of maternity care in Britain (Jeremy Laurance writes).

The report, by the government-appointed Expert Advisory Group on Maternity Services, recommends that women be given greater choice in childbirth and that the same midwife care for them throughout pregnancy. But the royal college, which was shown an early draft of the report, was angered by its claim that there is no need for all pregnant women to see an obstetrician. They fear that confining obstetricians to the care of women with abnormal pregnancies will reduce their control.

The college's intervention is being seen as an example of the "male mafia" in medicine, which is out of touch with women's needs. One member of the expert group said: "There are those who would question whether a body of men in the college's position can adapt sufficiently to take account of women's changing needs."

■ Readers who feel they have been mistreated by doctors or have had difficulty getting attention from a doctor of their choice are invited to write in with details. Please address letters to Case History, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

Britain joins galaxy search

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN formally announced yesterday its involvement in the Gemini project to build two giant telescopes in Chile and Hawaii that should enable astronomers to see Earth-sized planets orbiting stars ten light years away.

The announcement, made by Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council, will keep British astronomy at the forefront of cosmological research while dramatically improving knowledge of everything from the origins and chemistry of the Universe to its elusive structure.

Professor Arnold Wolfendale, the Astronomer Royal and chairman of the council's astronomy and planetary science board, said: "We are very excited . . . these telescopes are so big that we should see further back in time and see galaxies forming, one of the objects of modern astronomy."

The eight-metre telescopes, on Mauna Kea, Hawaii, and Cerro Pachon, high in the Chilean Andes, will start operating in 1998 and 2000.

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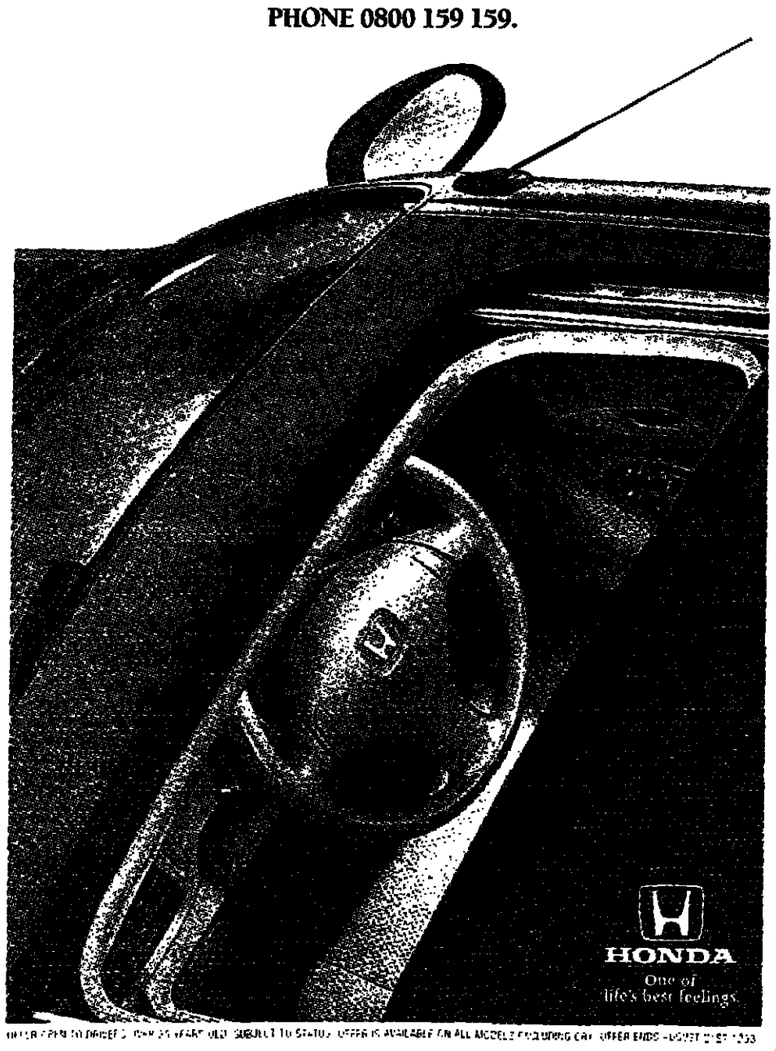

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NEWS IN BRIEF

120 Jewish graves desecrated

Jewish gravestones were found desecrated with Nazi slogans yesterday, causing £5,000 damage to an ancient cemetery in Southampton.

"Gas the Jewish boys" and "Perish Judah" were among the slogans daubed in white paint on 120 gravestones in the Jewish section of the cemetery on Southampton Common.

On one grave, a swastika obscures the message, "Peace, Perfect Peace".

Mother held

Police questioned the mother of a baby girl whose partly decomposed body was found in the attic of a house in Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Car escape

Melanie Bloor, a 22-year-old nurse, escaped unhurt when a 6ft metal pole pierced the door of her car and impaled her clothes to the seat at Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Gas attack

Two dozen young people were taken to hospital in Torquay, Devon, suffering breathing problems after a tear-gas bomb was let off in a disco.

Man raped

A 27-year-old man riding a bicycle was raped on Clapham Common, southwest London, in the latest of a series of assaults on men in the capital.

Mail strike

Nine hundred Post Office workers in Cardiff staged a 24-hour strike over working arrangements, disrupting deliveries across South Wales.

Victim robbed

A man of 37 had his wallet stolen while he was unconscious after an epileptic fit at Baguley, Greater Manchester.

Blaze death

A man in his early thirties died as his blazing car rolled down a hill in Streatham, southwest London.

Tartan treat

Ian Campbell, a Blackpool pub landlord, is selling Campbell tartan rock to keep his Scottish customers happy.

Fire in the cabin disturbs a slow boat from China

■ Tim Severin, in the latest of an occasional series, reports on his voyage from China to America on a waterlogged bamboo raft

ONCE again our bamboo sailing raft has surprised us. It took nearly a month to cover the first 650 miles of the China Voyage from Hong Kong to the Pacific island of Miyako. At the same snail's pace it would take at least four weeks to cover the next 850 miles to Shingu on the Japanese island of Honshu, where Hsu Fu, the 3rd century BC Chinese navigator-explorer after whom I named the raft, is said to have landed.

But our raft turned the schedule upside down. Leaving Miyako on June 21, with two new masts made from discarded telephone poles, our vessel tracked northeast at a respectable pace, sailing 50 to 90 miles a day on a favourable southerly breeze.

This was idyllic Pacific ocean sailing, with blue skies, puffy white clouds, warm sunshine, and flying fish bursting from the waves. One after another the islands of the Ryukyu archipelago disappeared in our wake.

As dawn rose on June 26, we found ourselves a mile off a small island, the tip of a volcano rearing 900ft up out of the ocean. The sun rising behind the volcanic cone lit the deep green of the dense forest on the upper slopes, and there was a streamer of white cloud from the peak. Lower down we could see lighter green patches of cleared rice terraces and a few bungalows.

A series of contorted rocks and cliffs marked the southern tip of the island, and facing us were two or three small coves of bright sand fringed with the pale blue overwash of coral reefs. The place looked as romantic as a painted stage set, and its Japanese name was Takara Shima — Treasure Island.

But we had no time to land, for this is where I had chosen to cut through the arc of the Ryukyus and head for the main islands of Japan. It was tricky navigation, and I was congratulating myself all had gone well when Mark, who looks after the sails, called: "Fire in the cabin."

Scrambling into the bamboo and palm-leaf thatched hut which is our living quarters, I found an alarming display of blue flames flickering along the electrical wire in the switchbox that directs the output of our wind generator and solar panels to our radio battery. Wrapping my hand in a cloth, I jerked the wire free and surveyed the smoking mess. Half the switchbox had been destroyed, the plastic insulation resembled melted wax, and once again our radio was out of action.

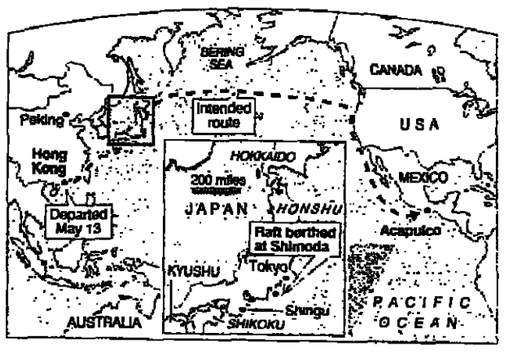
So it was back to using the hand-held VHF walkie-talkie to contact passing merchant ships and ask them to radio DHL International, one of our sponsors in Hong Kong, which was tracking our progress. I am happy to report the seafaring tradition of helping other mariners in difficulty still flourishes.

By July 1, we were approaching the main Japanese islands of Kyushu and Honshu when the weather deteriorated sharply. The sky became grey and menacing and it rained day after day, sometimes so heavily that visibility was less than 50 yards. The bamboo cabins leaked and our clothes and sleeping bags became soggy. A grey-green mould began to grow everywhere. Morale was still high, however: the rain-bearing wind was in our favour and the daily milages were a boost to our spirits. We knew the raft was going to make the second leg of the journey in good time.

Off southern Honshu we were approached by a small, high-powered Japanese fishing boat. Equipped with radar and electronics, it was operated by just one man. "There's a gale forecast. Will your vessel be all right?" he called. Obviously worried, he repeated the warning several times until Nina, our Japanese crew member, reassured him that we would. "We've already got here from Hong Kong," she called. His expression changed from concern to astonishment. He rummaged in the hold of his fishing boat, pulled out a magnificent bright pink 25lb fish, and tossed it across to our foredeck. "Good luck," he called.

"Ask him one question before he goes," I said to Nina. "Say that we've seen how here the tuna fishing lines are held up by bamboo floats. Ask him how long they stay afloat." Every member of my crew was keenly interested in the answer: we had often been told Hsu Fu's bamboos would become waterlogged before we got halfway across the Pacific. The fisherman considered our question carefully. "Five months," he said. There was a burst of laughter from the crew: we calculate Hsu Fu has at least three months more to go on the China voyage, and she has already been in the water for four months.

Severin: testing theory of early migrations



Approaching Shingu, and again at dawn, we had an encounter which I had never expected so close to the Japanese coast: three sperm whale appeared near the raft. Shingu is the birthplace of Japanese whaling, a tradition dating back 2,000 years. Indeed, it is said that Hsu Fu taught the Japanese how to hunt whale.

Shingu City received us warmly. Hsu Fu is said to have stayed three years teaching the local people the knowledge and skills he brought from China. He has a shrine beside the river, and we were shown the place he was allegedly buried. Hsu Fu is credited with being the man who brought the knowledge of China to ancient Japan. Besides whaling, he is said to have introduced fishing techniques, the use of saddle and stirrup, and the cultivation of rice. He is, in short, the symbol of cultural and technological diffusion.

And this is why we are making the China Voyage: to show how Asian culture spread by sea to Japan and then to test whether by accident or design Asian vessels like our bamboo sailing raft may have brought cultural and technological input to the pre-Columbian civilisations of the Americas.

Our raft is now berthed 80 miles south of Tokyo in the fishing port of Shimoda. Here we are fitting her out for her final, great test: the 4,500-mile voyage across the north Pacific. Having already sailed 1,750 miles from mainland China, she feels seaworthy and safe. But she is obviously sitting lower in the water and seaweed is growing on the top layer of bamboos, a sure sign she is becoming waterlogged.

The Pacific crossing will not be just a matter of surviving heavy weather — our raft is reassuringly stable in rough seas — it will be a race against time as she sinks lower and lower into the ocean.

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Jilted Paris starts to question its long Bonn love affair

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

■ Amid backslapping, the breach in the franc's Maginot line was almost forgotten. Yet some observers reckoned that the concept of Europe itself had been devalued

Saving face: Theo Waigel, German finance minister, left, and Edmond Alphandéry, his French counterpart, meeting yesterday to patch up their partnership

BATHED in smiles and mutual compliments, the financial bosses of France and Germany congratulated one another in Paris yesterday on the shining success of their joint efforts to save the threatened European exchange-rate mechanism.

Were it not for the pained glint in the eye of Edmond Alphandéry, the French economy minister, a visitor from space could not have guessed that Paris was engaged in an old French tradition of bowing to triumphant foreign forces. "The Franco-German couple has once more demonstrated its flawless solidarity," said M Alphandéry, welcoming his "dear colleagues", Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, and Helmut Schlesinger, the head of the Bundesbank. Herr Waigel, who last month cancelled a trip to Paris because of presumptive statements by M Alphandéry, said he wanted in turn to voice his gratitude to the French government for its "contribution" to the "solution" found in Brussels. Thanks to this, "the objectives of Maastricht do not change".

Germany's name may be mud in the French press and on the lips of officials after its refusal to help to hold the franc's Maginot line, but M Alphandéry and his colleagues would have none of it as they sat behind bouquets of slightly wilted French and German flags. There was absolutely no truth "in the rumour about a so-called deterioration in German-French relations," he said.

Despite the unpleasantness over the weekend, Paris was committed, M Alphandéry assured the Germans, to maintaining the monetary discipline that had made it strong enough to match the mark. Only a month ago M Alphandéry was talking about the franc replacing the mark as the "anchor" to the ERM.

While the ministers were performing the well-worn rituals of the old Franco-German faith, the political classes began wrestling with a question which had effectively been banished from serious discussion since 1983: should France carry on down the narrow European road arm-in-arm with Germany, or break free to pursue a nationalist course?

The argument, which may again be decided in the blood and sawdust of the markets rather than the salons of the Left Bank, has created strange bedfellows. Given the ancestral vendettas between left and right, it was strange yesterday to hear Michel Sapin, the last Socialist finance minister and Mitterrand loyalist, imploring Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist prime minister, to resist the siren calls of Jacques Chirac, his party leader, to slip the leash of monetary rigour and go for fast reflation.

Despite the collapse of the ERM, M Balladur and his ministers have been making clear their intention to adhere to the monetary policies that have been followed since President Mitterrand decided in 1983 to purge the French economy of its old self-indulgent ways and set out to match Germany's performance over inflation. M Balladur's team is now aware that great medium-term benefits are to be reaped if it is to lower interest rates which, it is assumed, will devalue the franc. This conventional wisdom was challenged by some economists, who believe the markets will bring the franc further down without the expected rate cuts.

Beyond the borders of France, European Community capitals reverberated to the sound of politicians and pundits trying to outdo each other in venting virulent pessimism over the prospects for European integration. "Europe's *suicide*", yelled Milan's *Corriere della Sera*. It was not just a handful of currencies which depreciated over the weekend, more than one commentator said: Europe itself was devalued.

Germany's thoughtful analysts picked up the theme. "In one respect Europe has won a victory," the editor of *Die Welt* wrote, "it has moved away from Utopias and got back on the solid ground of facts."

John Major has been advised by the Foreign Office since his early days as prime minister that he should aim to build separate and distinct alliances with both France and Germany but without imagining that their intimate partnership can or should be broken up. His negotiations on the autumn's heavy agenda are easier after the cathartic events of last weekend.

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Monetary storm reveals hidden weakness of the German giant

German inaction on France's Black Thursday was a response born not of strength but of its own failure to curb inflation, argues ***Lawrence Freedman***

Schlesinger: policies bitterly resented

One day the French may learn to view *Jeudi Noir* with equanimity. For the moment they are torn between pretending that nothing untoward has happened, which may lead them to delay taking advantage of their freedom to lower interest rates below Germany's, and anger that the centrepiece of foreign policy has become the victim of the power plays of others.

The single-mindedness of the Bundesbank and Helmut Schlesinger, its president, are bitterly resented. Despite protestations of innocence and undying loyalty to the ERM, they must have been in no doubt about the upheavals that would follow a refusal to lower discount rate. What more striking example of German power could there be? One signal from Frankfurt and out goes the *franc fort* and any hope of monetary union according to the Maastricht schedule.

European finance ministers still find it hard to imagine a monetary system in Europe not centred on the mark. Even the new system requires currencies to continue to revolve around this particular sun, even though the orbits are in practice potentially so wide as to attenuate any gravitational pull.

Should an attempt be made to narrow the orbit again, when the ERM is formally reviewed next January, the system may appear anomalous. For the German inaction last Thursday was a response to weakness, not strength, to a failure to get inflation under control, and the vulnerability of the mark if it appeared that defeat had been accepted.

For some time the ERM had become a means of exporting the costs of German unification. The crises came because it was apparent that others were no longer ready or able to continue to share the burden. It was not that France, Denmark and Belgium had failed to live up to the anti-inflationary standards set by the Bundesbank but that they had been far more successful, and were thus accepting real interest rates far higher than those of Germany.

Because it was based on the past rather than the recent performance of the Bundesbank as an independent and stalwart defender of sound money, the ERM maximised German power. The policies of the Bundesbank will now become much more of an internal German question and this in turn will serve to highlight the fundamental problems facing Germany's economy. Others may find it easier to recover from recession and eventually this will determine the exchange rates.

There are other reasons to expect a new assessment of Germany. Prior to unification, it was recognised as the pre-eminent West European power, and it seemed natural to suppose that a greater Germany would come to virtually dominate regional affairs. This was the starting point for French policy on economic and political union which was seen as vital if Germany were to be tied down before it burst out of the loose bands of the pre-Maastricht European Community. Germany, anxious to reassure its partners, went along with this.

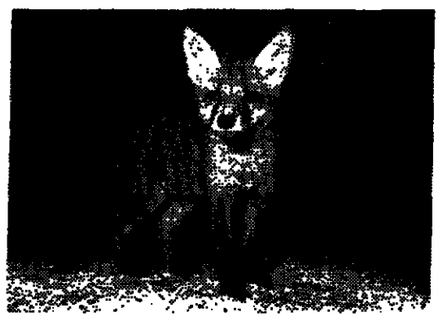
In the event, unification and the collapse of the Soviet empire have served to undermine rather than reinforce German power. In addition to the high costs of the unification process itself, the influx of asylum-seekers from the East has encouraged a revival of social intolerance.

Germany remains the most exposed of all Western countries to turbulence in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Despite this, Germany's ability to exercise regional influence is limited by the lack of spare resources to spend on buying off trouble, constitutional restrictions on the use of the Bundeswehr and memories of the Nazi years.

A preoccupation with fixed exchange rates and the central role of the mark in the ERM served to perpetuate the myth of an ever-stronger Germany. It may therefore be Germany rather than France that comes to look back at these past few days as the point at which a more realistic and reduced assessment of its strength began to shape European politics.

Cub hunting. It's teaching new dogs old tricks.

Today, August the fourth, would be a day like any other, were it not for one thing. It's the opening day of the cub hunting season. Between now and the end of October, over 6,000 fox cubs will die a squalid, violent and terrifying death in the name of sport.



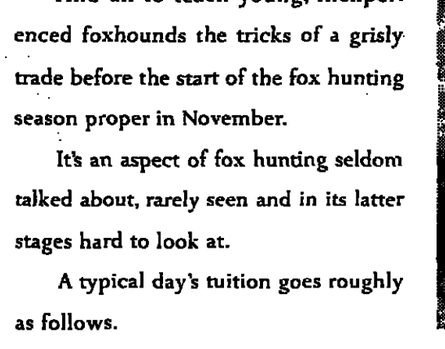
And all to teach young, inexperienced foxhounds the tricks of a grisly trade before the start of the fox hunting season proper in November.

It's an aspect of fox hunting seldom talked about, rarely seen and in its latter stages hard to look at.

A typical day's tuition goes roughly as follows.

A pack of hounds, a mixture of experienced and young dogs, is assembled by the hunters, usually in the early hours of the morning.

A nearby wood, copse or, in the jargon, "covert" has been identified as home to a family of foxes.



The night before, a so-called "earth-stopper" – a hunt servant – has been busy in the wood filling in fox earths, badger setts and any other means of escape he can find.

Before the pack moves off, the wood is encircled by riders and foot followers to scare any escaping foxes back towards the dogs.

It's not so much a sport as a military manoeuvre.

What follows is not for the squeamish.

Once the dogs are in the wood, the fox cubs, frightened by the clamour and general confusion, will scatter amongst the trees and undergrowth.

Unable to escape down their blocked up holes, the cubs and their frantic mother will dash around in panic.

Outnumbered by as many as forty dogs, most of the cubs will be caught, overwhelmed and savaged to death.

Any cub which manages to escape from the wood will be confronted by the shouting and whip wielding cordon of riders and foot followers and scared back into the massacre.

Even those cubs which find an unblocked hole will either be flushed out with terriers or dug out and killed.

The League has disturbing evidence of a gruesome tug of war between a hunt terrier-man pulling a live fox cub from its hole by its back legs and his terrier holding the terrified creature underground by its face.

There is no scientific justification for this annual slaughter.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food admits that the damage done to farming by foxes is "insignificant."

While scientists point out that, as with any other animal at the top of its food chain, the size of the fox population is self-governing and dictated by the year round availability of food.

And in a civilised society, the moral justification for bloodsports must be non-existent. It always has been.

As Samuel Johnson wrote over two hundred years ago:

"It is very strange, and very melancholy, that the paucity of human pleasure should persuade us ever to call hunting one of them."

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Clinton takes fight to TV in budget vote cliffhanger

If he wins nearly $500 billion in cuts, the president will push his health care reform. If he loses, it will be his greatest blow so far with his whole economic strategy at stake

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton was last night due to appear on prime-time television from the Oval Office to rally Americans behind his economic plan, one of the key planks in his political agenda, which faces two crucial and final votes in Congress tomorrow and possibly Friday.

Yesterday White House officials were predicting victory in tomorrow's vote in the House of Representatives, to be followed by a vote in the Senate, but the latest indication was that both will be cliffhangers and could go either way. The president started his final budget campaign with his regular morning jog yesterday, wearing a T-shirt that had "Vote 4 our future" on the front and "Pass the plan" on the back. If he wins, he will be able to move on to health care reform, his other big-ticket programme. If he loses, his presidency would have suffered the greatest setback so far.

Republicans in the House and the Senate reject the package, which they deride as yet another Democratic tax-and-spend programme, a notion which is shared by conservative Democrats. The vote is expected to be closest in the more conservative Senate, despite the solid 56-to-44 Democratic majority there. After a previous vote on the Senate's own version of the plan, Al Gore, the vice-president, had to be hauled in to break a 49-49 tie. The chances of Senate support for the plan dropped further this week when Senator David Boren, a conservative Oklahoma Democrat who had supported the plan, announced he will vote against the package this time.

His defection could augur the defeat of the entire package, unless any of the previous defectors change to the supporters' camp. In recent days, Mr Clinton and White House officials entertained many of the sceptics to lengthy discussions over lunches.

Both houses had previously approved their own, but different, versions of Mr Clinton's economic plan. Earlier this week the two houses, meeting in a joint conference, reconciled the two versions into a single budget bill. This package contains $496 billion (£330 billion) in projected deficit reductions over the next four years, close to President Clinton's $500 billion target.

The reconciliation bill, however, differs from Mr Clinton's original package in many other respects. The most important change was the replacement of a broad-based energy tax, which was to have raised $60 billion and constituted an important element of the planned tax increases, with a more modest petrol tax of 4.3 cents per gallon, the only surviving middle-class tax rise in the package, which would cost the average driver about $33 a year. Democratic lawmakers feared the unpopularity of the more ambitious general energy tax, which would have constituted a substantial middle-class tax rise, especially in view of next year's elections to the House and one-third of the Senate.

The new package will be weighted slighted more in favour of spending cuts, projected to be $255 billion over the period, which includes cuts in defence spending and medical subsidies. More than three-quarters of the tax rises will come from people earning more than $200,000, who will face a new top income tax rate of 36 per cent, compared to 31 per cent now.

☐ **Woman judge:** Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 60, was confirmed by the Senate last night as America's second woman Supreme Court justice. *(Reuter)*

Gore: could be needed again to break tie

Disaster track: rescue and salvage workers take a rail carriage out of a tunnel in northern Spain, after a collision between a passenger train and a goods train in the tunnel in which 12 people were killed and seven were injured. Both trains caught fire after the crash near Vega de Anzo in Asturias province late on Monday night. Firemen and civil protection units worked through the night to free bodies from the wreckage inside the tunnel. Railway officials said that the goods train had apparently failed to stop and wait for the passenger train at a nearby station, where they were due to cross tracks. Five bodies were found yesterday morning, but the toll of 12 dead was believed to be final.

Palestinians turn down US scheme for self-rule

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

WARREN Christopher, the US Secretary of State, on a peace mission to the Middle East, ran into a diplomatic wall yesterday after Palestinians rejected an American draft proposal for self-rule in the occupied territories.

After a hectic day of contacts in Jerusalem with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, Mr Christopher appeared no nearer bringing the two sides together. Some Israeli leaders remain confident, however, that some progress may be possible today when the Secretary of State meets President Assad of Syria in Damascus.

When Mr Christopher arrived in Israel, he told journalists "to expect no breakthroughs and no dramatic developments". He emphasised that his main objective was simply to put the 22-month peace process "back on track" after last week's fighting in southern Lebanon.

However, on the key question of resolving the future of nearly two million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Mr Christopher appeared to make little headway in persuading a delegation of leaders from the territories to accept an American-drafted "declaration of principles". Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation, said that the "very candid meeting" had produced no agreement, primarily because the plan fails to address Palestinian territorial demands.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, warned the Palestinians not to be left behind in the negotiations. He held out the possibility that Israel might even relinquish the occupied Gaza Strip first, if the Palestinians accept the American document.

In Beirut yesterday, Major General Trond Furuhovde, head of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and General Emile Lahoud, the Lebanese army commander, discussed plans to send Lebanese troops to secure the 70 frontline villages devastated by last week's Israeli raids.

General Furuhovde said he had offered Fares Boueiz, the Lebanese foreign minister, his full co-operation in deploying the troops. Official sources said Mr Boueiz told the general that Lebanon wanted the 5,400-strong UN interim force to maintain the level of its presence in the battered villages and work side by side with Lebanese troops.

☐ **Secret imprisonment:** Professor Marcus Klingberg, who had worked in an Israeli biological research centre and disappeared a decade ago, has been secretly held in jail ever since on charges that he was a top Soviet spy, the newspaper *Haaretz* reported. *(Reuter)*

Tapes may wreck bomb plot case

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

EMAD Ali Salem, the informant who infiltrated a gang of Muslim extremists and foiled an alleged conspiracy to blow up targets in New York last month, made secret recordings of conversations with his FBI "handlers".

More than 40 audio cassettes could undermine the case against 11 men accused in connection with the plot; prosecutors fear they will bolster defence claims that the plot was instigated by the FBI.

After the World Trade Centre bombing last February, Mr Salem, a former Egyptian army captain, was employed by the FBI to work undercover and gather evidence against the circle of Islamic fundamentalists surrounding Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the radical Muslim cleric.

The FBI was apparently unaware that, as well as recording his conversations with the suspects, Mr Salem was taping his discussions with FBI agents and federal prosecutors. According to news reports, the recordings were discovered by the authorities last week when they went to retrieve items for Mr Salem from his Manhattan flat.

Under US law, the tapes must be handed to the defence lawyers, who greeted their discovery as a "gold mine". Joyce London, a lawyer for one of the accused, said: "It's going to lay out exactly how the deal was set up, what instructions he [Salem] was given, and how far he was told to go to ensnare these people." The defence may also use the tapes to discredit Mr Salem's testimony.

Tapes of conversations between Mr Salem and Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali, alleged leader of the gang, show he discussed details of the plot and showed the suspects how to set timers on bombs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Italians head for electoral reform

Rome: Italy's electoral reform bill, introducing a mainly "first past the post" system, was on course to become law at the end of a marathon session of parliament (John Phillips writes).

MPs in both houses were voting on the bill which will largely do away with the proportional representation system which became the main cause of Italy's weak coalition governments and fractured parliaments since the second world war. Under the bill, 75 per cent of seats would be elected by a winner-takes-all system, and 25 per cent by proportional representation. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, has promised that the legislation will be passed before parliament goes into recess. President Scalfaro is expected to call a general election by next spring.

Train raided

Kampot: Khmer Rouge guerrillas, including women, who killed at least ten people and injured 40 during a rocket and gun raid on a train, stole about 100 new motorcycles, electronic goods and passengers' luggage, police and survivors said. *(Reuter)*

Chinese talks

Taipei: Taiwan is to hold talks with China later this month on the repatriation of illegal Chinese immigrants, among other items, an official said. It will be their first formal negotiations since agreeing in April to establish regular bilateral contacts. *(Reuter)*

Titan explodes

Los Angeles: A Titan 4, one of America's most powerful unmanned rockets, carrying a secret payload blew up after launch from the Vandenberg air force base, California, setting back an American programme to launch spy satellites. *(AP)*

Rwanda pact

Nairobi: President Habyarimana of Rwanda and leaders of the Rwanda Patriotic Front guerrilla movement are due to sign a peace accord today in the Tanzanian town of Arusha to end a civil war. *(Reuter)*

Going home

Hanoi: Remains believed to be those of 14 American servicemen killed in the Vietnam war were flown home after a military ceremony at Noi Bai international airport. They were found during the latest American-Vietnamese joint search. *(Reuter)*

Tour cancelled

Delhi: The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra has cancelled its visit here after local officials asked for the word "Jerusalem" to be dropped from the orchestra's name, Israeli officials said. India regards Jerusalem as a disputed city. *(Reuter)*

First for Nato

Moscow: A British submarine, the *Opossum*, has arrived at Severomorsk in northern Russia on the first official visit by a Nato vessel since the end of the second world war. It was the 30-year-old submarine's last task before being decommissioned.

Offer spurned

Delhi: An Indian government offer to buy the Nizam jewels for £40 million has been rejected by an heir to the collection of the former princely ruler of Hyderabad, it was reported. Prince Mukram Jah said it was worth £265 million. *(AFP)*

Housewives' choice reluctantly accepts her role as Betty Boothroyd of Japan

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE first signs of disagreement within the fragile coalition that will tomorrow be installed as Japan's new government spilled over into the public arena yesterday.

Takako Doi, former chairwoman of the Socialist party, staked her party's principles ahead of coalition unity, declining the offer of candidacy for the lower house Speaker until mysteriously prevailed upon by the coalition's senior strongman, Ichiro Ozawa, a former Liberal Democratic Party power broker and now controller of the six-week old Japan Renewal Party, a central pillar of the coalition.

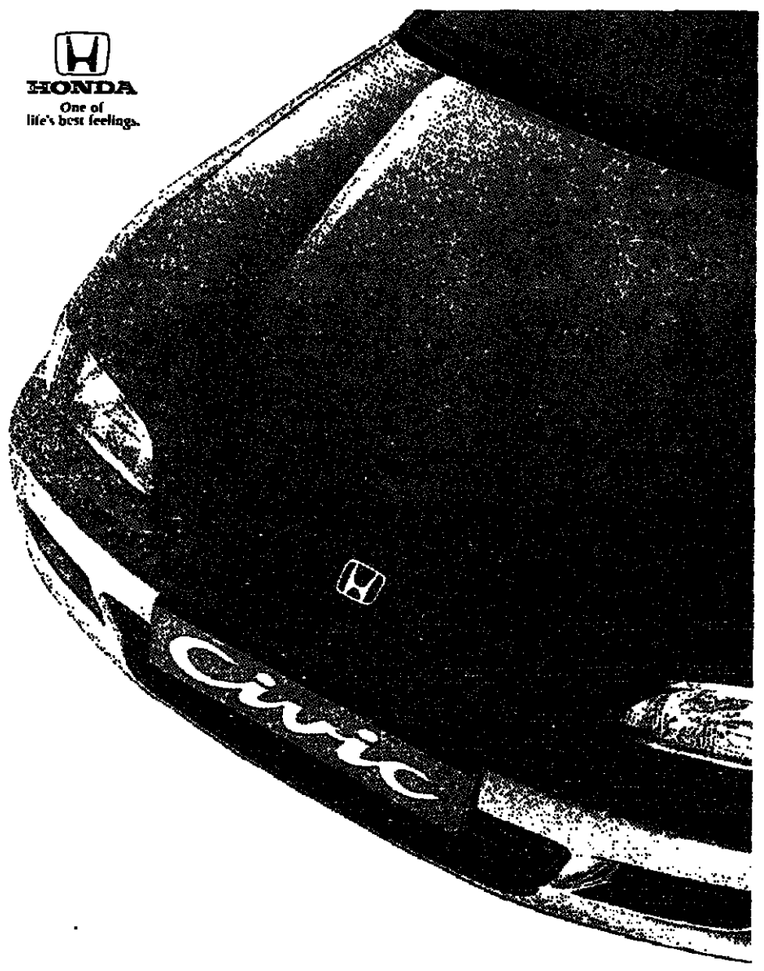
The coalition will have a small majority in the lower house of the Diet when a special session is convened to install the first non-Liberal Democrat government in 38 years. Ms Doi's election as Japan's Betty Boothroyd is therefore assured. After an unexplained two-day absence from her office, Ms Doi finally announced last night that she would accept the post as "a duty to the pursuit of real democracy in Japan".

Her prolonged refusal was attributed to concern that the principles of her party, now renamed the Socialist Democratic Party, would be lost in a seven-party coalition composed largely of conservatives.

Ms Doi was chairwoman of the Socialists from 1986 to 1991 and became the party's only celebrity when she led a group of politically inexperienced housewives to victory in the 1989 election to the upper house, exploiting disaffection with the ruling party.

Morihiro Hosokawa, who will be appointed prime minister as the leader of the coalition, remained cagey on just about everything yesterday, refusing to comment on his cabinet plans beyond indicating that he "does not wish to offend members of his coalition and choices will be made to reflect the wishes of the constituent party leaders".

Doi: under pressure from coalition bosses



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$1m indecent proposal entices Hollywood

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

The plot of the script is as old as Hollywood, and the asking price is $1 million (£660,000). Heidi Fleiss, 27, described by police as "madam to the stars" will appear in a Los Angeles court next week following her arrest on charges of pimping, pandering and possession of narcotics.

According to police, Ms Fleiss ran a prostitution ring from her $1.6 million mansion, catering to many Hollywood notables — whose names, inevitably, she keeps in a large black book and which she has promised to disclose for $1 million. Already she is said to have been offered a $300,000 option on the film rights to her story.

The Fleiss vice tale has everything to entice a Hollywood film-maker, at least those who do not appear on her "client list". According to *Variety*, the Hollywood trade magazine, the industry is in a state of high anxiety. The magazine quoted one studio executive as saying: "If this woman goes public with the names, there may be casualties all over town, including actors, producers and directors."

Ms Fleiss's career, as described by the *Los Angeles Times*, has most of the ingredients for a Hollywood bodice-ripper, including a good girl turned bad, celebrities, parties and extremely expensive sex. The daughter of Dr Paul Fleiss, a well known Los Angeles paediatrician, Ms Fleiss allegedly turned to the oldest profession after dropping out of school and into the Hollywood jet set.

In a town that puts a premium on entrepreneurial skills, she proved remarkably successful. According to a police affidavit, the blonde Ms Fleiss boasted to an undercover cop: "In the history of this business, in one year, no one has ever been able to do what I do."

She was arrested in June at her mansion (previously owned by the actor Michael Douglas) in the neighbourhood of Benedict Canyon, after police caught four of her alleged employees in an undercover operation. According to police, Ms Fleiss's call-girls charged $1,500 an hour, 40 per cent of the profits going to her.

Within days of her arrest, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, she received telephone calls from producers, actors and financiers. Some offered their condolences, while others were allegedly worried about their reputations. Two producers reportedly donated "several thousand dollars" towards her legal expenses.

Ms Fleiss allegedly learnt her trade from Elizabeth Adams (better known as Madam Alex) who ran a celebrated Beverly Hills prostitution ring for 20 years until she was convicted of pandering in 1991. According to a police affidavit, Ms Fleiss worked as Ms Adams's "number one girl until she broke off ... to start her own prostitution business". Ms Fleiss mantains she was never employed by her as a prostitute.

Ms Fleiss enjoyed a reputation as a party-giver in the house she shared with Victoria Sellers, daughter of the late Peter Sellers. "She knows the major, major people," Ms Sellers said, "but I never asked what was going on in that other part of her life."

Ms Fleiss told *Variety* darkly: "I'm so angry about a certain Hollywood person tapping my phone and extorting money from me, thinking ... I would divulge every name if a publishing company would come up with $1 million." As mysterious as it is, that remark has established one fact: Ms Fleiss has her price.

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Western threats inject wild card into diplomatic game

Boutros Ghali: will take final decision on strike

■ *Hailed as a boost for President Clinton, the Nato decision on air strikes was taken as time runs out for Sarajevo, **Misha Glenny** writes*

IF THE situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina was not confused enough already, Nato's decision to use air power to break the siege of Sarajevo and protect the supply of humanitarian aid has opened up a network of labyrinthine paths for all parties involved to explore.

On paper, the Nato decision does not appear to afford the Clinton administration full satisfaction. The final order to use air power will be made by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, in consultation with the UN Security Council and Nato.

As a consequence, it seems likely that Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, co-chairmen of the Geneva conference, will have a significant say in when such an order should be given. Before the resolution, their response to the initiative to use air power had been lukewarm at best. But after its publication, they changed their tune because the UN has been given control over the policy. This did not stop the Americans sounding almost euphoric about the Nato resolution. "We are very gratified that the Nato alliance has agreed to the (US) president's proposal. I think it is very important for the peace process and the Nato alliance," said Stephen Oxman, who led the American delegation in Brussels. He specifically referred to air power being used "if the strangulation of Sarajevo continues".

In spite of this, it remains unclear under what circumstances Nato bombers would be used. None the less, the immediate impact of the Nato initiative at the talks in Geneva was predictable — the Muslims have begun to stall the negotiations as a Nato attack on Bosnian Serb positions around Sarajevo would bolster their military prospects. The pretext which President Izetbegovic used for staying away from the talks on Monday and yesterday was legitimate. The Bosnian Serbs are continuing to press their offensive against the crucial Igman and Zuc hills outside Sarajevo, having taken the heights of Bjelasnica next to Mount Igman.

At the same time, however, the Bosnian army has launched an offensive on Croat forces around Gornji Vakuf. When confronted with these double standards in Geneva, Mr Izetbegovic said: "I will do what I can to make my commanders respect the ceasefire." His tacit admission that he does not have full control over his military addresses the central dilemma facing the Bosnian leader.

"Izetbegovic wants an end to the war as soon as possible, as he knows his people cannot survive another winter," a senior UN official said yesterday, "but he is under enormous pressure from important elements among the Muslims both in the leadership and in the army to continue the war." These radicals have been heartened by the Nato resolution, even if the circumstances under which air power will be used remains unclear.

There are two imperatives which must be fulfilled if an uncontrolled military denouement in Bosnia-Herzegovina is to be avoided. First, the Geneva talks must continue. "We ceased being optimistic a long time ago," John Mills, spokesman for the mediators in Geneva, said yesterday, "but we believe a settlement is still possible." To beef up the negotiations, President Tudjman of Croatia and President Milosevic of Serbia have again flown to Geneva. Secondly, something has to be done to step up humanitarian aid to the urban population in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has expressed concern about the situation of the 40,000 inhabitants and refugees in the eastern Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica. If water and food cannot be supplied properly within two weeks, a spokesman said, the UNHCR will have to begin a mass evacuation of the town.

Time is running out. Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democratic party, has claimed that the siege of Sarajevo must be lifted "within six to eight weeks." If a catastrophe is to be avoided. Not only would the collapse of Sarajevo and other towns lead to many deaths, it would also worsen the appalling refugee problem. It is almost certain to provoke the formation of Muslim guerrilla units bent, understandably, on revenge. The Balkans remain a powder keg which one well-organised commando unit can spark off.

So will air strikes facilitate both the supply of humanitarian aid and negotiated settlement in Geneva? Naturally, both the Bosnian Serbs and the leadership in Belgrade have issued stern warning against the use of air strikes. But the Russians have also rejected the idea. Valeri Churkin, President Yeltsin's envoy to Yugoslavia, said news of the threat to use air strikes "comes at a very bad time for the negotiations".

In the next two months, hostilities may end allowing the international community a breathing space to demilitarise Bosnia-Herzegovina. But if the talks break down or the mainly Muslim urban population starts to die in large numbers, the Balkan peninsula will become a very unsafe place.

Nato decision gives Britain veto over Bosnia air strikes

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ **Any decision to take military action now rests with Dr Boutros Ghali. He is unlikely to order air strikes without the approval of those states with troops on the ground**

NATO's decision to give the United Nations secretary-general the final say about air strikes on Bosnia-Herzegovina gives Britain and France an effective veto over American plans to break the siege of Sarajevo.

Western diplomats and UN sources said Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, was unlikely to order air raids to free Sarajevo — as the Americans want — without the approval of Britain and France, which contribute the most troops to the 9,000-strong UN force in Bosnia.

Dr Boutros Ghali was, however, pressing ahead with a more limited plan to mobilise Nato air power to respond to any future attacks on UN troops in the former Yugoslav republic. The outcome of the marathon Nato meeting in Brussels on Monday night suited reluctant alliance members, like Britain and Canada, who feared that American planes would endanger their peacekeeping troops on the ground in Bosnia by launching bombing raids.

British diplomats concede that the Ministry of Defence has a deep-seated fear of American "friendly fire", dating back to the death of British servicemen in mistaken American attacks during the Gulf war. As permanent members of the security council, as well as suppliers of troops in Bosnia, both Britain and France have a particularly strong influence over key decisions by Dr Boutros Ghali.

The French are in an especially powerful position because any UN decision to launch air strikes rests with General Jean Cot, the French commander of the UN force in Bosnia. Equally, the British and French believe that if, at any time, they join with the Americans in pressing for air strikes to break the siege of Sarajevo, Dr Boutros Ghali will be constrained to act.

"The UN secretary-general is a captive of his audience," one European official said. "If he gets three messages from the Americans, the British and the French, he will go ahead."

The Nato agreement clearly fell short of Washington's goal of placing all the crucial decisions about the possible air strikes in Nato's hands. In a letter to Dr Boutros Ghali at the weekend, Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said he wanted Nato to select the timing and targets of any air strikes. Dr Boutros Ghali, in reply, underlined the need for UN control of any air raids, not only because of its involvement in peacekeeping in Bosnia, but because of its mediating role at the peace talks in Geneva.

While Washington believes that air strikes could force the Bosnian Serbs to accept what Mr Christopher called a "reasonable" peace settlement, UN officials argue that the threat of outside intervention only complicates the peace talks in Geneva by encouraging the Muslim-led Bosnian government to hold out. In his letter, Dr Boutros Ghali also cited UN resolutions 770 and 836 to establish the primacy of the organisation in the international operation in Bosnia.

Resolution 770, passed last August, authorises UN members "to take all measures necessary to facilitate, in co-ordination with the United Nations, the delivery" of aid in Bosnia. Resolution 836, passed in June, permits "all necessary measures, through the use of air power", to support the UN peacekeeping force in the performance of its mandate of deterring aggression against Muslim enclaves in Bosnia.

Germany said yesterday that it would not be drawn into a combat role if Nato carries out air strikes against Serb forces in Bosnia. A foreign ministry spokesman said German aircrew would not be on surveillance planes used in any raids.

UN officials expressed satisfaction yesterday that Nato had given the UN chief control over any air attacks, but they said the organisation faces tough decisions. "It's a heavy responsibility," one UN source said.

"The situation could deteriorate to such an extent that we could not avoid asking for air strikes."

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Ready for take-off: a member of the ground crew preparing to release the wheels of a Harrier on the carrier *Invincible* during Royal Navy exercises in the Adriatic

Muslim forces ordered to halt offensive action

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Bosnian presidency yesterday ordered their forces to halt all offensive actions in Bosnia-Herzegovina and said they would remain in the peace negotiations in Geneva.

President Izetbegovic, in a letter to the leaders of the United Nations and the European Community, said the presidency had ordered Bosnian government troops to use force only in defence. Bosnian Croat members had withdrawn from the presidency earlier in the day in protest at continued Bosnian army attacks on Croatian positions in central Bosnia.

President Izetbegovic had said he would not resume negotiations on partitioning Bosnia until Serb forces made good on a pledge to withdraw from a strategic hill overlooking Sarajevo. He said that developments, including the Nato plan for air strikes if the siege of Sarajevo continued, "have encouraged us to remain here despite all these difficulties".

International mediators had earlier summoned the Serbian and Croatian presidents in an attempt to break the deadlock that threatened the collapse of the peace talks. President Milosevic of Serbia and President Tudjman of Croatia were expected to arrive later to meet Mr Izetbegovic and the mediators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg.

The mediators' spokesman, John Mills, said it was appropriate that Mr Milosevic and Mr Tudjman should "come back for what could be the later stages of the talks". Both had attended the launching of the current "last push" negotiations to end the 16-month conflict in Bosnia a week ago, but exactly what their role now might be was not clear. Mr Izetbegovic's prime minister, Mile Akmadzic, a Bosnian Croat, accused the Bosnian government's Muslim-led army of committing "ethnic cleansing and barbaric atrocities" against Croats in its own offensive at the weekend.

Mr Akmadzic and the two other Croat members of Mr Izetbegovic's 10-member collective presidency said they were switching to join Mate Boban's Bosnian Croat delegation, dealing a fresh blow to the president's claim to represent a multi-ethnic Bosnia.

The radical Muslim aides to Mr Izetbegovic were openly critical of Mr Akmadzic and his colleagues. "This is treachery," one hardliner was heard to say as members of the president's delegation heatedly discussed the Croat defection in the lobby of the Geneva hotel that is their headquarters. Fikret Abdic, a Muslim businessman regarded as a moderate in the presidency, shuttled between the Croats in their rooms and the other members of the body who were arguing strategy.

☐ **Kuala Lumpur:** Malaysia will not send troops to help UN forces in Bosnia unless those forces stay and provide adequate air cover and supply lines, Mahathir Mohamad, the prime minister, said yesterday. "We do not want to send our troops there to be slaughtered," Dr Mahathir said on a visit to Brunei.

He was commenting on reports that the UN had agreed to allow troops from three Organization of Islamic Conference countries, Malaysia, Pakistan and Jordan, to join UN forces in Bosnia *(AP)*

Tudjman ready to risk war over vital bridge

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

PRESIDENT Tudjman of Croatia made clear yesterday that his country will defy the United Nations and risk a renewed war with the Serbs rather than abide by an agreement to evacuate a disputed part of the Krajina enclave. Dr Tudjman condemned as a "barbaric attack" the Serb shelling of the Maslenica bridge, which partly sank on Monday after the Croats ignored two Serb deadlines to withdraw from the area.

As the UN-negotiated agreement appeared close to collapse, Alan Roberts, the UN spokesman in Knin, capital of the self-declared Republic of Serbian Krajina, had only a terse "no comment" to offer when questioned. UN officials in Knin had been unaware that President Tudjman had scuppered the deal.

Dr Tudjman said Croat forces would not evacuate disputed areas unless the Serbs gave up their weapons to UN forces. This was ruled out by Krajina Serb officials, who pointed out that Croat forces had been able to recapture the land last January only because Serb arms had been in United Nations depots. "We shall never again give up our arms to the UN, it is out of the question," Branko Filipovic, a leading official of the Krajina foreign ministry, said yesterday.

On July 16, the Croats signed an agreement with the Krajina Serbs allowing the Croats to reopen the Maslenica bridge on condition that they then withdrew. There was nothing in the agreement about the Serbs giving up their weapons, although this is a UN Security Council demand. On Friday, the council urged the Croats to evacuate the area but did not make this conditional on the Serbs handing in their weapons.

A third Serb deadline for the Croats to withdraw ran out at midnight last night. Earlier, Mr Filipovic had said that Serb forces would not be the first to attack, especially since they had already knocked out the pontoon bridge which Dr Tudjman had opened with much ceremony last month. Dr Tudjman needed to open the bridge, the only direct road link between northern Croatia and its Dalmatian coast, in order to boost his dwindling popularity.

Fleeing doctors diagnose city a hopeless case

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

FOR most of the war Sarajevo, with its modern medical system, has not needed surgeons from abroad to help with the never-ceasing waves of the wounded. Although critically short of medicines and supplies, the city's medical system could function with only material aid.

Now that is changing. In the coming days, four orthopaedic surgeons from Oxford are expected to arrive to supplement the city's haggard and depleted surgical corps, which is too tired and desperate to shoulder the burden alone.

The transformation is indicative of a Sarajevo drawing dangerously near to collapse. Both on the battlefield and in the city, warning lights are beginning to flash that the Bosnian capital is nearing a critical point at which it will implode under the pressure of the 16-month siege.

In May 1992, at the start of the battle, Sarajevo had 68 surgeons. Today the number is close to 35. The others have left the city — six just in the past two months.

"We have fewer and fewer supplies", said Edo Jaganjac, the head of emergency surgery at the city's state hospital. "In the past week we have many, many wounded. Today I've been in the operating theatre since nine o'clock in the morning, with only two hours of rest".

He was speaking at midnight on a slow day, when there were only 35 wounded between the five surgeons. The previous week there had been closer to 70 wounded each day.

Sterilisation is done in wood-heated, 50-gallon drums. Bloodied sheets and gowns are burnt because there is no water with which to wash them. Most surgery is performed by flashlight. In the past six months there has been running water in the hospital "on a couple of days". Dr Jaganjac recalls in the darkness of the doctors' lounge.

In fact, many Sarajevans are beginning to see their once cherished city as being submerged by darkness. Electricity is another aspect of modern life which belongs in the past.

The government, weakened by the siege and fighting a losing war, is finally losing control of the capital. Warlord gangsters have taken control of several areas. Crime is out of control, and journalists and relief workers are routinely robbed by gun-toting soldiers on packed city streets. The army, police and government officials are outraged, but they are unable to prevent such crimes.

One United Nations peacekeeper who did a tour of duty in Lebanon described the process as the "Beirutification" of Sarajevo. Many resident expatriates — journalists, aid workers and UN officials — are saying that the siege has continued for so long and at such physical and psychological cost that society is disintegrating. They overstate the analogy, but they speak of a European Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, where expatriates must hire groups of killers for protection.

The terrifying backdrop to the breakdown of civilian life are the dire reports from the front: of losing battles to the north and south; of hundreds of dead and more than 1,000 wounded on the front line in the past two weeks. The Serbs are advancing, drawing troops and equipment from the now pacified east of the republic and launching a two-pronged offensive.

☐ **Bucharest:** A Yugoslav flotilla ignored warnings to stop and sailed through Romanian sluice gates on the Danube river in violation of international sanctions against Yugoslavia, officials said yesterday.

The tugboats *Velebit* and *Kumanovo*, towing 11 tankers and a barge, sailed through the Romanian-controlled gates of a hydro-electric dam spanning the Danube on the Romanian-Yugoslav border under cover of darkness on Saturday night. The gates need to stay open for technical reasons. *(AP)*

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Who cares for the mother?

I DO not like, any more than you or Judge Michael Harrison-Hall, to think for long about a little girl of two left alone in the house for nine hours every weekday, with the curtains shut and only a television and a sandwich for company. In fact, the thought of daytime television almost makes it worse: all those artificially bright people on the other side of the glass, chatting and laughing and completely ignoring you and your sandwich.

I have to echo the judge who jailed this child's single mother for six months with the words: "It was a terrible thing to do, something no mother should do... you had a duty and a responsibility to look after this child and you put this responsibility to one side. The dangers do not need spelling out."

I can even find some sympathy for his decision to impose a custodial sentence, if only in order to discourage anyone else from having the same idea (but what would a Martian think of a system which keeps freeing those who try to molest children, while jailing those who merely leave them sandwiches?).

LIBBY PURVES

However, shudder as we may, the rest of us are not Crown Court judges and should firmly resist the temptation to be censorious of the unnamed, abandoned 23-year-old who left her toddler locked in the house all day while she worked.

The reason that the case is so fascinating is that this woman is clearly not the feckless good-time slut of popular contumely. She was not thoughtless: it is merely that her thoughts, somewhere along the line, ran off the rails into a mad, lonely belief-system of her own. She secured the kitchen door, hid away knives and matches, left food and television and presumably closed her mind to all other risks. Even the shutting of the curtains was part of her care: in common with a lot of mothers on the breadline, she appears to have had a dread that the social services would confiscate her child.

Given what we read weekly about the lives of children in care, whether being abused, shunted between foster-parents in search of the most politically correct, or merely left to wander into the sea at Blackpool unwatched by their professional minders, one cannot entirely blame her. She was enough of a mother, in her time at home, for her child to be reportedly chatty, healthy and "showing no ill-effects"; enough of a mother to want to keep control. It is just that she ran off the rails when it came to the method she used.

Just how far off the rails is revealed by the detail that for eight months she came home every lunchtime: but then couldn't cope with the child's upset when she left, and stopped the practice. But even so, who can cast a stone? Certainly not the hundreds of mothers in another social class who still swallow the line fed to them by prep schools that their weeping, distraught seven or eight-year-olds will "settle better" if they are not visited at all for the first half of term. The first day Ms X left her child must have been dreadful: when no disaster occurred, the second would be slightly easier, and so on until it became habit.

Mothers live from day to day, doing what seems best at the time: the danger comes when they have no partner, nobody to talk to, no friends to help them get everything back into perspective, no neighbours who offer help without judgment. I think this every time I read about a mother killing herself and her children with her: I think it this time, with thanks that there was no tragedy.

Never mind what really would have happened if this woman had thrown herself on the mercy of social services: what matters is that she had no faith in them, or in any of us. Perhaps she did not think, with all the present censure of single mothers, that anybody would be sympathetic to her difficulties. What about the village neighbours, for heaven's sake? One man told *The Times*: "This part of the village is not a very close community." I hope it is, right now, a rather sheepish one. Another neighbour, a young mother herself, said, "I never knew she had a daughter". What happened to constructive, kindly nosiness? Was there none of that life-saving quality, no continuing contact and affection for the child in the household of her former minder, whose £50 a week was finally unaffordable out of wages of £100? And might things, perhaps, have been different if childcare was tax-deductible for working mothers — what about successive governments which have refused to consider this?.

AND what about her workmates, for heaven's sake? Can this woman have functioned convincingly as a travel agent after leaving her baby crying at lunchtime in a darkened house? Did she never talk with a girlfriend at the office? Or the child's grandmother, who is now looking after the little girl? Were there no visitors? How unobservant can a health visitor get, exactly? And a GP, and the postmistress who doles out child benefit?

You notice I have not even mentioned the absent father, and neither did the judge. But there would not have been room in Warwick Crown Court for all the really interesting witnesses — from Virginia Bottomley to the next-door neighbour — in a proper hearing into why little X spent a year of her life in solitary confinement. And into whether she, or her mother, was the most neglected party. But never mind: one scapegoat will usually do.

Terrorised, starved and caught in crossfire, civilians besieged feel war's horror, **Martin Ivens** says

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Echoes of Sarajevo: French government artillery fires in the siege of the leftist Paris Commune in 1871. Disease and hunger kill many more than shell-fire

Cruellest way to kill a city

As peace negotiations in genteel Geneva grind to a halt, the proudly cosmopolitan city of Sarajevo is dying on its feet. Conditions in the Bosnian capital have reverted to those of a medieval town. Shelling and sniper fire lend a modern touch to the conflict but the practice of siege warfare is almost as old as civilisation itself.

The siege is only one of many modes of fighting in Yugoslavia that were supposed to have become defunct in the era of precision guided munitions and high technology. And yet the taking of a city today employs surprisingly ancient methods. Just as shells rain down on Sarajevo, so France's capital was pounded by the guns of the Prussians after the defeat of Napoleon III at Sedan. Just as both sides in Sarajevo start sorties along the deadly alley from city to airport, so the medieval defender would rush out to fire his enemy's siege train and wreak havoc amongst the besiegers. Disease, thirst and starvation remain the tried and tested weapons of the aggressor.

Gambetta fled Paris in a balloon to raise more armies against the Prussians. President Izetbegovic and his supporters fly out of Sarajevo to the West to vainly plead for aid. Appeals for mercy to the enemy, however, are not tried. Six burghers of Calais who appeared outside their city walls with ropes round their necks famously touched the hearts of Edward III and his queen and so the town was spared. One feels Slobodan Milosevic would be immune to such special pleading.

The mixed Croat, Serb and Hungarian town of Vukovar on the Danube saw siege warfare first return to modern Europe. In the Autumn of 1991, 2,000 outnumbered and outgunned Croat fighters held out on an 18-mile front against the JNA, the mainly Serb Yugoslav People's Army. The JNA proved embarrassingly reluctant to engage in hand-to-hand fighting and left it to irregulars. While the soldiers fought to a standstill, civilians perished in their hundreds.

The living eked out a miserable existence in cellars without running water, food, electricity and medicine. Doctors and nurses were forced to donate their own blood as supplies ran out. The dead remained unburied.

Starving citizens buy dogs to eat in the Commune

In Sarajevo, about 380,000 defenders have their backs against the wall. The Bosnian Muslims are more numerous, better armed and more determined than those of Vukovar. After all, the city is their last redoubt. To keep the morale of the population up after more than a year of bombardment is the essence of the struggle. Medieval defenders threw bread at their besiegers in defiance. Sarajevo wages its own brave propaganda war.

The Miss Sarajevo beauty contest; the forlorn attempt to keep the starving creatures of the zoo alive; the proud achievement of the daily paper, *Oslobodjenje* ("Liberation"), in getting out a daily edition all testify to time-honoured tactics of moral resistance.

One writer even tells of "a Sarajevo swagger" adopted by the citizenry. Forced to leave their cellars and run the gauntlet of shell and sniper fire in their daily pursuit of food and water the Sarajevans' bearing expresses their defiance. But the hospitals are overflowing with civilians whose swagger does not save them, and medical supplies are running out.

The threat of disease to a besieged city has echoes down the ages. As early as the fifth century, the historian Thucydides gave a dramatic account of how Athens, swollen by an influx of countryfolk who took shelter from the Spartans behind the city's long walls, succumbed to a devastating plague.

Thucydides, who caught the disease but survived described its symptoms: "People in perfect health suddenly began to have burning feelings. Their eyes became red and inflamed. There was bleeding from the throat and Their breath became unnatural and foetid. As the disease progressed from chest to stomach it would cause vomiting and spasms. The skin would break out into pustules and ulcers." By some reckoning a quarter of the inhabitants perished. The Athenians fought on. It was the threat of starvation after a prolonged sea blockade that made them capitulate eventually.

Sarajevo's sufferings, undoubtedly great as they are, are but a pale reflection of the 900-day siege of Leningrad in 1941 when Russia's second city came under German attack. When the soldiers of German Army Group North took Schlusselberg on Lake Ladoga on September 15, they cut Leningrad off from the rest of Russia. Even with strict rationing, the city's remaining food stocks could only last a month. It was not until December that an "ice road" could be opened across the lake to supply the city. By that time the civilian population had begun to die. Even with supply lines restored conditions were appalling. On Christmas Day 3,500 Leningraders died from starvation.

The Germans failed to storm the city or establish a second siege line around it, but Hitler was still confident of victory. He said: "Leningrad's hands are in the air. No one can save it. It falls sooner or later. Leningrad is doomed to die of famine." Constant air and artillery bombardment as well as famine were employed to bring the city to its knees. At the nadir of the city's fortunes the death toll reached 25,000 a day. Not until the Soviet winter offensive of January 1944 was the German encirclement of the city broken. A million and half of the defenders lay dead.

Whether the Serbs really wish to take Sarajevo or merely bludgeon its government into abject surrender at Geneva the siege remains a fearsome weapon. Whatever the outcome it is a method calculated to spread the suffering to maximum effect from soldiers to civilians. It is the military equivalent of death by slow strangulation. The experience of soldiers down the ages never changes. Likewise the sufferings of a civilian population seldom vary. They are terrorised, starved and caught in the crossfire.

Fight at the end of the tunnel

Dover, a town that earns its living from the sea, is preparing for battle

Gateways are, by definition, barriers through which one passes en route to somewhere else. Most people do not hang around in gateways: they walk through them and are gone.

This is Dover's problem. For a thousand years or more, it has shepherded armies, travellers, traders and anyone else interested to and from the Continent. On such a specialised business has the town been built.

The Channel tunnel, which emerges ten miles to the west, is, therefore, not Dover's friend. To be successful, it must attract a large chunk of the freight and tourist traffic that now goes by sea, and in the coming years Eurotunnel will certainly use every marketing device to convince potential users that the surface crossing is a dead duck.

Yet, for Dover, the good news is that a healthy scepticism has developed about the tunnel's capacity to do all it claims. Nobody doubts that when the rail links to London and beyond are eventually sorted out, the new connection will work very well. But it will not be everyone's choice. It might even turn out to be a minority option.

Bulk freight may well continue to go by sea. The ferries after all, enable lorry drivers to enjoy a hot meal, to rest for an hour or so with their mates while catching up with gossip and to comply with the law on rest periods.

In similar vein, many families heading for a fortnight in France will no doubt feel, once the novelty of the tunnel has worn off, that a short sea voyage, with on-board restaurants, cinemas and shopping, is a better way to start, or end, their holiday than 50 minutes in an under-sea cylinder.

So does this mean that Dover is fine and dandy, looking ahead to the challenge of the tunnel rather as an athlete anticipates a good workout? Well, not quite. Dover, as a ferry port, is bound to contract. Its retreat, even if it is magnificent, like Dunkirk, will be hard to sell as a victory.

In early August, all such thoughts seem far away. One of the curious things about Dover, is that as a town it turns its back on the sea. Apart from a white Regency terrace on the promenade, there is little to be seen by the incoming voyager other than the famous White Cliffs, the castle and the outstretched arms of the harbour.

The actual town, where real lives are lived, is tucked well behind this façade. There is a square, with a fountain and several shopping streets — little out of the ordinary to tempt visitors. True, there is the White Cliffs Experience, a good example of the latest in ersatz travel, whereby the entire history of this corner of southeast England is compressed in a series of imaginative tableaux, full of sound and fury.

There is also, of course, the castle, one of the finest in Europe, a handsome church or two and the old gaol ("Experience the horrors of life behind bars").

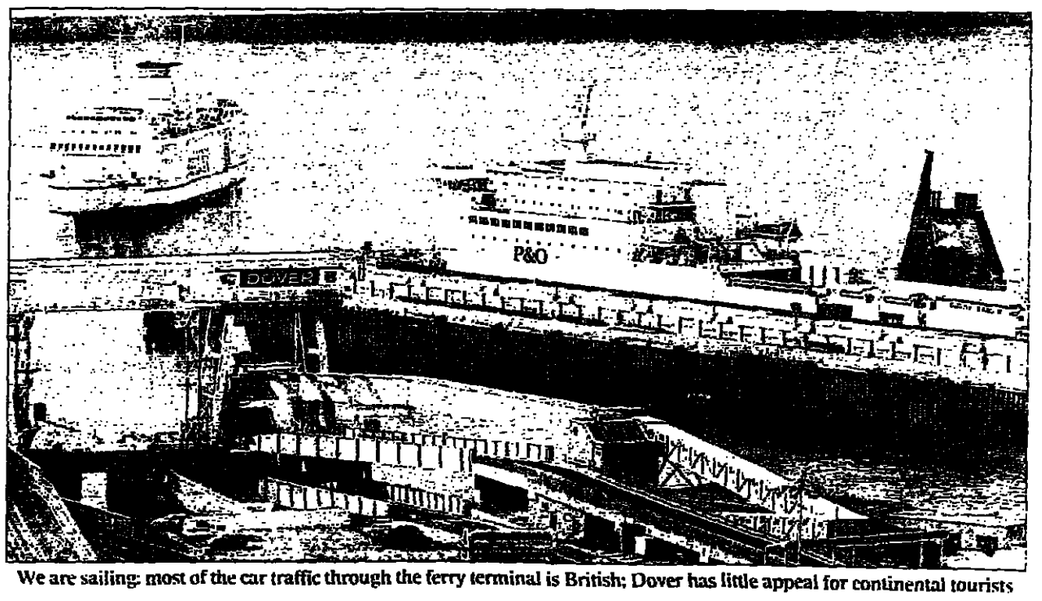
Alas, the package seems less than the sum of its parts and it comes as no surprise to hear everyone saying that Continentals getting off the boats head straight for Canterbury or London without sparing a thought for Dover.

Nor is it odd that the same is not true in reverse. Calais, a much inferior town, is visited by millions of Britons every year. But they are not there to wonder at Rodin's Burghers of Calais or to marvel at the clock tower; they are there to eat *steaks-frites* and load up with French booze at French prices. Calais is an ugly place, like Wigan on a bad day — but it has *hypermarchés*, *fromageries* and *cafés aux coins* by the score.

Dover, by contrast, has only Marks & Spencer. Sometimes, counter assistants say, a coachload of French or Belgians will invade and ransack the shop. It depends on the exchange rate.

Occasionally, a Belgian family will stare vacantly into Dorothy Perkins or Vision Hire, or a group of French youngsters will flock into Our Price. But they don't buy much. The greatest sale to our fellow Europeans is probably through McDonald's, a name they know and trust.

No, the truth must be faced that Dover is at heart a respectable English town, making its living from the sea. Those who doubt this should consider one statistic: 80 per cent of cars travelling to and from the Continent via Dover are British; just 20 per cent are foreign. This means that we are visiting four times more than we are visited, at least by sea.



We are sailing: most of the car traffic through the ferry terminal is British; Dover has little appeal for continental tourists

The town and the port of Dover play a vital role in this daily exercise, as well as in the highly lucrative business of heavy freight. Not for nothing is it the biggest ferry port in the world. What is less well known is that in recent years it has invested heavily in general cargo and has become Britain's second-biggest centre for the import of fruit and vegetables. Cruise ships are the next target. It is hoped that luxury liners will soon make the castle and the White Cliffs Experience a regular part of their itinerary.

But it is the shuttle trade that matters above all — and here the tunnel poses a threat. Everything has been done that can be done to make the port ready. Thousands of jobs were cut in the 1980s, new facilities were installed and fleets were modernised. The object, of making the bureaucracy "transparent" and the crossing itself entertaining and relaxing, has largely been achieved.

Debts have been repaid, the companies are lean and crews are at their stations. Let battle commence.

WALTER ELLIS

Martyrdom comes into fashion

Alice Thomson discovers that religion, not sex, is in vogue with the top clothes designers this autumn

The religious look: Yamamoto's crown of barbed-wire thorns (above) and (right) Prada's simple penitential robe

As they walk down the catwalks, their heads cropped and bowed, the mood is quasi-religious. There is the austerity of the priest's coat and nun's habit, the itchiness of the hair shirt and the simplicity of the Quaker smock.

It is a sombre display with no frills or frippery, in dark greys, browns or stark white and cream. The tailoring is severe — a simple tie around the waist of a tunic, drooping sleeves, a plain knitted wimple. The only hint of colour is in a cardinal's red velvet cloak or a purple Easter robe and the only embellishment is a simple long-chained cross or a rosary. All that is missing from the autumn collections is the gentle waft of incense, and birch twigs to flagellate oneself.

Religion, not sex, is suddenly in. Prada wants us to go shopping in brown penitential robes, Moschino has printed "Holy Chic!" on its monastic dresses, Jean-Paul Gaultier has based his collection on the ritual dress of the Hasidic Jews, complete with prayer shawls, phylacteries, fur-trimmed hats and side curls and taken the applause in a jewelled yarmulke. Donna Karan's clients will dress as Catholic nuns and Yohji Yamamoto devotees will be wearing crowns of barbed wire thorns. Karl Lagerfeld described the Chanel collection, where suits have been replaced by knitted headdresses, as "a new puritanism — with a tinge of hope".

Models appear as postulants, shriven in white, their hair cropped or, in the model Eve's case, shaved. Their make-up is minimal, their eyes sweep the floor, their ankles are firmly covered by frayed edges and their boots are tied with thongs. They look as though they fast regularly, take cold baths and would recoil blushing at such materialist fodder as a Chanel gilt-padded handbag. Only the soul is bared.

Most of us haven't worn this kind of thing since we were an angel in the school nativity play or dressed up as Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*. But are the designers treading on sacrosanct territory, at best hypocrites and at worst heretics, or are they genuinely paying penance for all those years of sheer skimpy tops and buxom cleavages?

According to Sally Courtis, fashion editor of *Marie Claire* magazine: "Last year was so flamboyant, with all those over the top, in your face frilly clothes, chiffon and barely-there dresses that it was obvious we would swing to a more ascetic look with frugal lines. This isn't kinky with suspenders underneath, nor is it saying I have found God. It is just puritanical."

She also points out that if your gym membership has lagged or you've twisted your ankle doing step aerobics the robe is the perfect cover-up. "You no longer have to expose your tummy button or wiggle your hipsters. I am a size 14 and I feel very comfortable in these new loose tunics. This is what women want to wear. I am just not sure men will like it," she says.

Vogue magazine calls it a trance of introspection and Lesley Cunliffe writing in this months's edition says: "Doom watchers will happily conclude that designers are offering chaste clothes for examining our consciences in — because the millennium is a mere seven years distant."

While newer designers such as Helmut Land and Martina Sitbon have led the pilgrimage, Donna Karan is the greatest devotee of the cross. These come in all shapes and sizes including the Greek version (all bars of equal length, the Latin, the ancient ankh (a T topped by a loop) and the ornately decorated Byzantine and are worn in ears, on wrists and slung around shouldrs with a few strings of rosaries.

Roxane Barretto of Butler & Wilson jewellers points out that the cross has already been the most popular accessory for the last six months and clothes are only just catching up. "The cross is such an attractive shape and it's very versatile. We don't see it as blasphemous: young girls are wearing them. It can be very glamorous when worn encrusted with jewels in the evening by middle-ged women and even men are buying them, but we don't sell many as confirmation crosses," she says.

Chanel: all black hoods and chains

The clergy view the new devout with a mixture of tolerance and humour, although all relate the "appalling story" of the jeweller who when asked by a customer for a cross said: "Do you want an ordinary one or one with a little man on it?"

The Rev Robert Ellis, spokesman for the diocese of Lichfield, says: "All publicity is good publicity so why should we be squeamish? God is not the property of the church. Some organisations spend millions of pounds promoting their logos so I am certainly not going to whinge about folk wearing a cross as ornamentation. Volkswagen, the Labour Party or Robertsons' jams would be rubbing their hands and I don't find the religious attire half as distasteful as religious expletives." Father Michael Seed, a Roman Catholic Franciscan friar, says: "It has a karma which signals beauty and peace which are the last things we would want to condemn."

The Catholic Herald is running a front page story, "Baring Crosses," this Friday. Editor Cristina Odone says: "The cross has been a fashion accessory since time immemorial: it was loved in the Renaissance and medieval periods. If your crucifix is against a silk shirt that is fine. It keeps in the eye of the beholder some nod to God and shows it is part of our daily life. But if it is worn with torn jeans and a lacy bra like Madonna it is tacky."

But how far should it be allowed to go? Stigmata from the bottle, Turin shrouds made into wraps, jewelled chastity belts or fragments of cross on dinky leather chains?

By then we may all be craving for a little cleavage again.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE

A tribute in stone

A statue is to be erected to Tony Hancock, the East Cheam sage

Statues are the triumph of British public art. We may not have a glass pyramid like the French, graffiti like the Americans or terracotta warriors like the Chinese, but we probably have finer statues than anyone else in the world.

The Royal Fine Art Commission wanted to put a ban on any further statues but from the lions in Trafalgar Square to the recently erected statue of Sir Walter Raleigh outside the Ministry of Defence, they are almost the only free art that we have left and certainly the only one that we can clamber over, stroke or simply ignore.

Where the blue plaques give the passer-by brief details of a lifetime's achievement (scientist, explorer), with statues you see the man (for they are rarely women) wrinkles and all. Ah yes, we are supposed to exclaim: Nelson Mandela (outside the Festival Hall, courtesy of the GLC).

The statue is an assertion of stature. But unlike other popular art which surrounds these edifices — films showing in Leicester Square and music blaring from discount clothes stores — the statue is overwhelmingly tilted towards the past. We are not so hot on our saints, but kings and queens almost always get a statue or memorial even if, like Prince Albert, it is shrouded in scaffolding. The Victorians favoured minor admirals and philanthropists. In the 20th century it is our politicians who have been enshrined.

But apart from a rather kitsch Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens, we are short of popular figures. Of course there is no point in littering London with sculptures of Gary Lineker or Darcey Bussell while we could still bump into them at Heathrow. But what about all those dead entertainers?

Now Turning Point, the largest national charity helping people with drink, drug and mental health problems, is to erect a statue in memory of the comedian Tony Hancock, the East Cheam sage.

Hancock's Half Hour was perhaps the most celebrated sitcom in British broadcasting history. Between 1954 and 1961 there were 63 programmes. Thirty per cent of the nation watched and Harold Macmillan, then prime minister, complained that affairs of State prevented him from joining the nation in front of the box.

Pompous and testy beneath a battered Homburg and his coat with the astrakhan collar, he was acclaimed by social theorists as "a massive caricature of 20th century man". His comedy was and still is anti-

Tony Hancock: wrinkles and all

humbug, self-mocking and restorative. He was naturally disaster-prone and fretful but his timing was perfect, his face and that laugh were half his fortune. And he was a great aspirer even when he turned to drink, his marriage crumbled and his career fell apart. He would have loved the statue and the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society that has snowballed since his death.

The sculpture to be erected by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham 25 years after Hancock's death will also be a poignant tribute to an excruciating battle against alcoholism and depression which Turning Point is trying to highlight.

The statue is a commemorative to evenings spent on sofas, Horlicks and children in cardies. But as Hancock was the comic poet of suburban frustration, wouldn't it have been more appropriate to have sited the statue on a railway siding in East Cheam?

OLIVER AUGUST

● *Turning Point is organising the appeal at 41-43 Commercial Street, Birmingham B1 1RS*

The twenty-somethings are incapable of home improvements

The end of do-it-yourself?

FOR THE PAST year a tap has been dripping in my kitchen. The bathroom sink won't drain properly and my books are lying in heaps on the floor, because I have no shelves.

With the help of a plunger, a screwdriver, and a drill plus a few nails all these annoyances could be things of the past. But I am of a breed to whom home repairs are anathema. I have spurned the concept of Do-it-Yourself in favour of GMI (Get Men In).

DIY is a particularly British habit. Just as we tend to reject the bright lights of a café in favour of soggy sandwiches in a lay-by and spend hours making home-made jam to dole out at Christmas in recycled wrapping paper, so we continue to grout and gloss. We seem incapable of realising that the only things that should be home-made are paintings by children under the age of five.

Once we went to church on Sunday. Now we go to Homebase. Surveys say that 70 per cent of the British have undertaken some kind of home repairs over the past 12 months. Of these, an astonishing 57 per cent claimed they had painted the outside of their homes, 22 per cent have put up shelves and 7 per cent have installed an ornamental pond.

In another survey, 28 per cent said DIY was their favourite way to relax — the same figure as those who preferred going to the pub, going out to eat and having friends to visit. Such statistics leave me astonished that I have never had the good fortune to share a home with such a gem.

According to Terence Whelan, editor of *Ideal Home* magazine, DIY sprang from the death of the skilled craftsman. "When furniture became mass-produced, manufacturers discovered it was cheaper to sell the customers four legs and a table top and ask them to put the whole lot together.

"When people discovered they could handle a hammer, the mania grew. These days very few people can do French polishing and marquetry, we have to do it ourselves."

But things may be changing. Undoubtedly it was the Protestant work ethic that once compelled us to spend our days of rest sandpapering and squeegeeing. In the present climate, however, more and more of this ethic needs to be devoted towards keeping our jobs, rather than roofing our porches. At the same time, those of us who are not in work have all the time in the world to hang pictures straight and unblock the loo and are happy to receive cash-in-hand for the privilege.

MY GENERATION, the twenty-somethings, seems especially prone to GMI-ism. Earlier generations shied away from marriage, horrified by the mess their parents had made of it. We remember the bathroom cabinet collapsing and our father hitting a cable with his power drill and have resolved that no builder could ask too high a price. Our motto is if it's broke, get someone else to fix it and if it ain't broke, leave it as it is.

Moreover, having witnessed the collapse of the property market we have decided to rent rather than buy, and few us have the nerve or the energy to knock out a wall that is not our own. We prefer to spend what little time and money we have smoothing out the bumps on our bodies, polishing them with exfoliators and smoothing them with unguents that smell considerably sweeter than paint stripper.

We justify our behaviour by thinking of the 45,000 people injured in DIY accidents every year. Or of the research by the Household Mortgage Corporation which showed that although to GMI to plumb in a washing machine would cost four times more than DIY, the job would take only two hours, not to mention the years gained through the ensuing peace of mind.

Nor is it necessary only to resort to GMI-ing for epic tasks, such as rethatching the roof. Companies are now available to water our plants, walk our dogs, shop for our food and organise our parties. According to Sam James, of Shortcut Services, a London company which promises to carry out any task, however small, demand for its services have stayed constant throughout the recession.

"WE DO EVERYTHING from decorating Christmas trees to reorganising people's address books," she says. "The only thing we can't provide is an escort service." She is defensive at the suggestion that some of her clients might be lazy. "Oh no, they are very busy people, a lot of them do an awful lot of charity work."

I am a little comforted by the fact that I can, at least, decorate a Christmas tree. Nonetheless, I am made to feel hopelessly inadequate by the efforts of people such as Charlotte Kerr-Wilson, who spent three years transforming the bathroom of her council flat in Peckham in south London into a shell-studded grotto, beating an Italian *palazzo* and a roof garden in Rio de Janeiro to first prize in the *World of Interiors* design contest.

I am comforted again by the words of George Nelson, an American designer, who observed that people with a rich inner life tend to pay little attention to the décor of the outside world, let alone give a thought to installing a flat-pack conservatory.

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

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Alan Coren

■ No, I'd rather fill in my own blanks, thank you

Odd, how a buried memory may be dislodged by the unlikeliest jolt. I met a bloke on the north face of the Eiger once, it must have been, what?, 30 years ago, and I haven't thought about him from that day to this, but then something happened on this day and now I can't think about anything else.

I say met, but I exaggerate, of course; you know me well enough not to have imagined your correspondent, even in his youth, vertically spread-eagled against the world's most terrible rock and sharing an ice-flecked pemmican butty with some other grappled madman. The truth is that only he was on the outside; I was inside, trundling snugly upwards on the Wengenalpbahn which climbs through the middle of the mountain, occasionally emerging to allow the weedy the unnerving view of those who are doing it the hard way. So there we were, I swaying in my seat, he dangling on his rope, and as we passed, so help me he waved, and I waved back, which took a lot of guts because it left me holding the seat-rail with only one hand, and if the train had lurched I could easily have sprained something. And I remember thinking, his is only one way to climb the Eiger.

But why do I remember it, on this day? I remember it because of a news item to the effect that something called Crossword Genius has just been launched: it is a computerised phone helpline which gives the answers to all the clues in all the crosswords in all the national papers, and it gives them from the very dawn of the day on which they are published. It does this by having the first editions delivered at midnight to packs of young Oxford academics straining in the slips to polish the puzzles off by 6am.

Them I do not blame. Times are tough these days along the Isis, and if a few extra bob may be turned in the flicker of the midnight oil by those capable of cracking *Animal often found on mat (3)*, then I for one rejoice that a liberal education can still be more than its own reward. My complaint is directed not at them, but at Andrew Chapman, their employer and the founder of this appalling enterprise, who, like many an opportunist before him, claims to be answering a need when what he is actually doing is creating one.

For who that calls himself a crossword enthusiast would dream, when stymied, of picking up a telephone and unstumping himself? That is not what crosswords are about; they are about the doing, not the having done, their solution is merely an end to a means, and a literally wondrous means it is, since we can never quite know what it is: some days you have it, other days you don't, which is to say that some days you grope and gnash and struggle to reason, other days some synaptic miracle occurs whereby rational analysis is bypassed and everything you ever read or heard or experienced is suddenly all there for the instinctual exploiting, you do not have to think at all, the solutions self-select from a billion far-flung cerebral crannies to come flashing full-blown from the pen, it is like being David Gower.

But even on the really good days, there is generally a clue or two that eludes, and if you are lucky this may lead to the best days of all; when, cast aside and seemingly superseded by life's other pressures and demands, the unsolved clue, much later and quite arbitrarily, proves to be not dead at all but sleeping, and what's more dreaming as it sleeps, marinating, as it were, in its own possibilities, until suddenly it leaps awake, in the middle, perhaps, of dinner or *Fidelio* or the M25, and you have it, not even realising that you were still after it, and joy is unconfined.

It is this joy which Mr Chapman threatens; and he threatens it, I fear, from the certainty of that same canny acumen which gave the world Polaroid cameras and bottled suntan and Pot Noodles, because the world wanted everything now, it could not hang about, it had to be somewhere, it had people to see, it had things to do, it had bridges to build and papers to sign, it might have a window between 3 and 3.15 but it wasn't promising. It is a world which will jump at the chance of having its crossword done for it, while it's flying over the Eiger.

Six proposals for a better Europe

The sceptics' critique of Maastricht has not been in vain, says **John Biffen**. It points the way ahead

Even by the standards of currency uncertainties, the past few days have been excessively turbulent. The exchange-rate mechanism lies stricken; the relationship between the mark and the franc — symbolically going much wider than mere currency — is in doubt; and the Maastricht treaty provisions for a single European currency look extraordinarily dated. These developments have amply confirmed the scepticism of those Conservative MPs who valiantly fought Maastricht to the last ditch.

There should be no indulgence in triumphalism. "I told you so" is one of the most jarring and least effective attitudes in politics. Now is the time for Euro-sceptics to assert their own view of Europe, made relevant by the events of the weekend, and so banish the fading spectre of a centralised Europe persistently and forlornly championed by Edward Heath and Geoffrey Howe since the early 1970s.

British European policy cannot be fashioned in the Foreign Office and preached from the White Cliffs of Dover. It has to take account of economic and political trends, and to interpret these in a way to maximise British influence and interest. With luck they can engage popular support. This may be a commonplace observation, but it has not always been a common British policy.

John Major has from the outset sought to have an improved, if not a special, relationship with Germany. He has had a valuable personal affinity with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and doubtless this was of some benefit to him as he negotiated at Maastricht. The upheavals of the past few days once again underline the importance of Germany, not least in the assessments that have to be made of the long-standing Franco-German partnership.

Without doubt, the future of the European Community turns on Germany, but Chancellor Kohl looks increasingly like one of yesterday's leaders. The Kohl who was courted by Mr Major used compelling and centralist rhetoric about "a united Germany inside a united Europe". Those sentiments, powerfully endorsed by Strasbourg's European Peoples Party, to which the British Conservatives are affiliated, belong to a world as lost as classical Atlantis. The collapse of the Soviet empire has had its most immediate and transforming impact in Germany. German reunification is still difficult to assess. It is clear, however, that Germany has new dimensions. The capital will be transferred from Bonn to Berlin, with incalculable symbolic consequences. The economic and social ramifications of reunification have given Germany the stark problems of inflation, and forced the Germans to acknowledge that rising industrial costs are undermining the "industrial miracle".

To these economic problems has been added a massive inflow of immigrants, facilitated by liberal laws. It is a remarkable tribute to the Germans that there has been so little violence. On the other hand, it would be foolish to deny that there is now a more powerful resolve to use national resources to succour domestic problems. The Bundesbank is the keystone of the economy, and it is quite clear that in recent weeks the Bundesbank — wisely in my view — put protection of the German economy ahead of any Maastricht currency dream. After last weekend, nothing will be the same. Germany is likely to move towards an EC based upon the principles of partnership (and haggling) and not upon the Maastricht precepts of the single currency and converging national economies.

It is this prospective European pattern that should guide the Tory Euro-sceptics. The long battles over Maastricht have not been in vain. The public will now agree that the treaty was the product of Euro politicians and Euro bureaucrats who were not prepared to accept that time had rendered obsolete the amalgam of lofty principles and grubby wheeling and dealing.

The challenge now is to use effectively the Maastricht review promised for 1996. The original authors of the review had in mind a modest but tightening process — tightening the noose, as a surly sceptic might have commented. Now all is different. We are back to the European drawing-board. No one can forecast what the collective mood will be, but Germany, France and the United Kingdom are likely to move towards less centralised political and economic policies, in contrast to the wishes of the smaller Community countries, which fear big-power domination.

The British sceptics' position could reasonably include six points. First, monetary cooperation should be based upon national exchange-rate decisions, and explicitly renounce the objective of a single currency or the convergence of national economies. Second, the size and scope of the European Commission should be reduced, as "level playing fields" are seen to be a mirage. Third, subsidiarity should be further developed. Fourth, the Community should be enlarged to include not only the present applicants, but also Hungary, Poland, the Czech republic and possibly others. Fifth, European cooperation should be arranged through the intergovernmental council provided for in Maastricht, so curbing the ambition of the Commission and the European Court of Justice. Sixth, the Community should work for an open trade policy within existing international arrangements.

Of course additional items will be suggested for this list, and some will have more ambitious plans to deal with the common agricultural and fisheries policies. All I argue is that these six points flow from the Euro-sceptic arguments made in the Maastricht marathon, that they are broadly acceptable to mainstream Conservatives, and that they could legitimately feature in the plans for tomorrow's Europe. We have seen the folly of enforced centralism rather than a policy of allowing nations and peoples to evolve partnerships. The EC's first duty is to provide peace, not vainly to worship at the altar of continental size. Now for a fresh start.

Speculators cannot break us

Temporary problems with the ERM will not prevent Europe from achieving a single currency, says **Edward Heath**

The essential requirements for the European Community now are an honest recognition of what has happened and positive proposals for the movement forward of the Community towards an ever-closer union.

For make no mistake, that remains the determined objective of the other members of the Community, and millions of people in Britain, whatever the sceptics may say. And it is what Britain pledged itself to do when we signed the treaties of Rome, of Paris and now of Maastricht. The British are not in the habit of breaking treaties, and we should not begin now.

What has honestly happened to the exchange-rate mechanism over the past year? Last September, sterling collapsed on Black Wednesday and was strongly devalued. Britain withdrew from the ERM. We are now asked to believe that this was a premeditated, carefully planned operation for the benefit of the people of this country, and was fully justified.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time, believes he should be given the credit for this. Nothing of the sort. His misjudgment of the position of sterling (in the government's view it was about to become the strongest currency in the Community), his obdurate refusal when the crisis began to accept any adjustment of the rate relative to other currencies, his blundering handling of interest rates after that, and his final panic when sterling collapsed, left Britain with no alternative but to drop out of the system.

Mr Lamont should have immediately resigned as Chancellor on Black Wednesday. If he now believes his anti-EC outpourings will commend him to the right wing of the Conservative party and gain him the leadership in place of John Major, then he could not be more mistaken. The former, perhaps; the latter, never.

It was the strict discipline of the ERM that brought about the decline in inflation in Britain. If we had entered the mechanism in 1985, it would have been at an exchange rate from which we would have benefited greatly. We would have avoided the inflation of the late 1980s and been able to resist an attack on sterling had it come. When we hear that we are the first country in the EC to be pulling out of the recession, we must recall that we were also the first to enter it.

And the cause of the exchange-rate crises? Since Black Wednesday, government spokesmen have consistently told us that the EC system has fault-lines in it, and is flawed. But what are these fault-lines, these flaws? We have never been told. The other members of the EC have denied this. If we are to find a solution, we must define the so-called fault-lines.

Prime minister Edward Heath in 1972, signing Britain's accession to the EEC, with Geoffrey Rippon on his left

Everyone accepts that individual currencies can be knocked out one by one. It is the work on a massive scale of the market speculators. It is not the result of fault-lines in the ERM.

Some politicians may shut their eyes and ears to the effects of speculation, either because they do not know how to deal with it, or because they are not prepared to do so, but the speculators are now publicly boasting about their success, about the billions that they have forced their victims to disgorge and about the immense profits they effortlessly made.

Unlike other markets, the money markets do not exist for the benefit of us consumers. We have to pay for the profits of the speculators through our devalued currencies and the emptied coffers of the national banks. On the word of the most famous speculators, others flood in to bring down the targeted currency.

There is only one answer to this: a currency that is strong enough to withstand the mass of money and credit now available around the world for such speculators. No European currency other than the mark can do this. Even the ability of the mark to do so may be threatened if the problems of a united Germany continue to grow. Only a single currency for the European Community can withstand the speculators' attacks.

That is one of the reasons why the Maastricht treaty, far from being dead, is essential for the future of the Community. And the ERM must maintain its framework so that it can be developed for future use. For the dangers of the present, unrelated and uncontrolled, exchange rates are rapidly becoming obvious to our partners. Already there is talk of the reintroduction of exchange controls, limitations on capital movements and trade restrictions. The shadow of protectionism looms over us again, just as we thought we were about to enjoy the benefits of the single market. Unless we are determined to deal with the present difficulties, we shall never enjoy them.

For what businessmen know full well, and politicians refuse to acknowledge, is that there is no single market in the world — large, medium or small — with more than one currency. Can one imagine the United States with a different currency for each state? Or Japan with a currency for every province? It is said that the countries of the Far East have a high growth rate with varied currencies. Quite so, but they are not a single market. They have many and varied restrictions on each other's activities.

Businessmen want a single currency. By ensuring stability this would enable them to plan, to carry out investment and to trade. It would save them money, removing the need to invoice in various currencies. A single currency makes the whole trading process cheaper. Tourists too will benefit from not having to change currencies.

Of course banks do not like a single currency, because so much of their revenue comes for the foreign exchanges, including speculation. American banks in particular do not like the prospect, because it would limit their sphere of speculation. The United States does not want a single European currency because it regards it as a possible threat to the dollar.

For all these reasons the EC must now concentrate on a way forward to the single currency. For the British government to try to foist "its own sort of Community" on the rest of the EC would be immensely damaging to Britain. It would once again throw into question Britain's loyalty to the Community, while achieving nothing in respect of the present problems.

For those in Britain who hope that a break-up of the Franco-German alliance will achieve their unworthy ends, there will be no satisfaction. That alliance is essential for both countries. They will not allow tension over monetary matters to disrupt it. Moreover, it is the centrepiece for most of the rest of the Community, in particular in Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. Along with Italy, these Benelux countries were the founders of the Community. Belgium has the presidency at the moment. Everything they do is so interlocked that it must continue. Nor need the British think of weaning away the French from the Germans or vice versa. Both have experienced such tactics in the past and rejected them. They would do so again.

Britain has now ratified the Maastricht treaty. We must face the facts and accept the Community's successes. We must join together with our EC partners to overcome the present problems *au communautaire* — for that is what we have undertaken to do.

Simon Jenkins is on holiday.

Artistic currency

GEORGE SOROS, scourge of the European currency markets, has more on his mind than the *franc faible*. He is considering helping to pay for a new foundation of East European art in Edinburgh.

The first fruits of the fledgeling foundation will be displayed at the Edinburgh Festival later this month, when 16 plays will be staged by actors and writers from all corners of Eastern Europe, including Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia. They are being co-ordinated by Richard Demarco, veteran of the fringe and co-founder of the Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre Club. Demarco, who is currently professor of East European studies at Kingston University, has set up the foundation at a temporary home, the St Margarer's school building in fashionable New Town.

He has ambitious plans for the building, but ambition comes expensive. "I need cash to buy the school, otherwise I will lose it. I want it to become home for the homeless artists of Eastern Europe, where Serbs can work hand in hand with Muslims, Croats, Hungarians and Macedonians."

Demarco outlined his plans to Soros when they met recently in Venice at a show he was staging with European artists, and now he hopes to attract the Balkan benefactor to Edinburgh for more discussions.

"George Soros showed great interest in what I am doing. Food parcels to Bosnia are important, but we also have a duty to defend the culture of Bosnia. If that is made extinct, we will lose one of the most beautiful multi-cultural ethnic mixes in the world."

Royal commission

TRADITIONALISTS can relax. The Prince of Wales appears to be tightening his grip on the restoration of Windsor Castle. Less than a month ago, it was announced in the Commons that he was to be the deputy chairman of a special castle restoration committee chaired by his father.

Tomorrow's *Country Life* says that he has also been made chairman of a new subcommittee specifically concerned with the architectural aspects of the restoration. "More of a working group," quibbles the Palace. "But yes, he will be chairman."

Another blot

TOM SHARPE is embroiled in his very own *Blott on the Landscape* battle. The author, whose tale about the proposed destruction of a beauty spot is currently being reshown on BBC1, has joined a campaign to stop a blot on farmland in the Wye Valley, Gwent.

Sharpe is backing efforts to prevent a 15th-century farmhouse in the valley being turned into a tourist trap. Vernon Handley, the principal guest conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and Julian Mitchell, a scriptwriter on *Inspector Morse*, who both live in the area, have also joined the fray.

They are objecting to plans to turn a whitewashed farm at Bigsweir Bridge, near Monmouth, into a model farm with a restaurant and giant carpark. The secluded area was, of course, immortalised by William Wordsworth.

Handley, who lives nearby, says: "Blot on the landscape may be a cliché but that is what it would be. It would destroy one of the most beautiful, gentle slopes in the Wye Valley. Tom Sharpe has every right to complain. He is a regular visitor and is appalled at the prospect."

"When all at once I saw a crowd..."

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DIARY

● Hello!, *usually so reliable a guide to the social whirl, displays uncharacteristic uncertainty in its latest issue over the venue of a certain charity do. Was it the Barkeley Hotel or the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge — the magazine uses both. The event? Oh, the summer ball of the Dyslexia Institute.*

All change

ROBERT ADLEY, whose untimely death resulted in the Christchurch by-election disaster, is back to haunt the government. Adley's last work, *Countdown to 1968*, which marks the 25th anniversary of the demise of steam on the British Rail network, is published tomorrow.

The book makes clear the disdain with which Adley, a lifelong railway-buff, regarded the government's proposals to privatise British Rail. How ironic then that the book's foreword is written by John MacGregor, the transport secretary and architect of the hated sell-off plan.

But although they were in opposing camps, MacGregor, who shared an office with Adley in 1974 when he first became an MP, is glowing in his praise. "I discovered then [in 1974] his enthusiasm for all things railway and over the years grew to admire his deep knowledge and commitment," he wrote. "*Countdown to 1968* stands as a tribute to a man who loved railways and who himself always respected all those who served on or were interested in our rail system."

Adley would have liked that.

● *John Major insisted it was Parliament and not the people who would ratify the Maastricht treaty. But denied a referendum, the people voted with their on-off buttons. Viewing figures for BBC2's* Newsnight *on the dramatic Thursday night when Major tried and failed to ratify the treaty jumped from the usual one million to 3.2 million. Compelling stuff, failure.*

Is it true — or just a try-on?

An unlikely meeting between our schoolmarmish health secretary and the managing director of Anne Summers, the renowned outlet for women's exotic underwear, may be nigh. Jacqueline Gold (*right*), whose idea it was to sell lingerie in a manner previously reserved for plastic storage containers, is a finalist in the Working Women Mean Business Award, run by *Options* magazine. If she wins, Virginia Bottomley will congratulate her at a celebration lunch next month.

Gold has never met Bottomley, and doubts very much whether the health secretary has ever attended one of her famous parties, but she is delighted that her work at Anne Summers is held in such esteem. The winning formula, she says of a business with a £43 million turnover and in which 85 per cent of the workforce are women, has been the party. "Women want to buy sexy underwear but don't want to look for it in the shops," she explains. "So we have women-only parties where goods are tried on and passed around." A great idea admits Maureen Rice, editor of *Options*. "She's done wonders for the company."

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IN BOSNIA'S RUINS

The West must at least protect the victims of partition

The latest show of resolve by America and its Nato allies may be no more than a show. There was an agreement in principle yesterday morning to use air-power to prevent the "strangulation" of Sarajevo and the continued blocking of aid convoys. But it was only in principle. Nato officials are now set to confer with Unprofor headquarters in Zagreb and report back on Monday.

Any American thoughts of unilateral action have been firmly deflected, as have its arguments that the decision to use force should be Nato's. Even if Nato reports on Monday that all operational requirements have been met, France and Britain have successfully argued that action must then be authorised by the United Nations Security Council and accord with UN resolutions. No deadline has been set. Neither Serbs nor Croats have, as yet, any reason to take this latest threat of a threat seriously.

Even if Nato turns out this time to mean business, the West's decision to silence Serbian artillery must be interpreted in context. The allies' statement included an appeal to Bosnia's warring parties, meeting in Geneva, "to seize this opportunity to reach a viable settlement". The settlement on offer — drafted in the name of the European Community and the UN by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg — is the dismemberment of Bosnia-Herzegovina. If Nato is preparing at last to stand up to the Serbs, it is simply to prevent them exploiting too cruelly the victory the "international community" has decided to hand them.

Just over a year ago, in London, the leaders of the western world solemnly pledged to uphold the sovereign integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina, to end the violence there, and to reverse "ethnic cleansing". Last Thursday in Geneva, the mediators presented the Bosnian presidency with a plan to divide Bosnia in three. The draft was in English, with no translation; but no great linguistic expertise was needed to see that it legalised aggression and endorsed the repugnant doctrine of the ethnically pure state. If this apartheid is implemented, half a million more people will be uprooted.

The Bosnian presidency was given a mere 24 hours to seek even minor modifications — and accused by Mr Stoltenberg of "ingratitude" for demanding them. The mediators, who have ruthlessly exploited the divisions in the multi-ethnic collective presidency, announced unanimous agreement on the "constitutional principles" on Friday.

Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, hailed the accord as total affirmation of "Srpska republika", the Bosnian Serbs' self-proclaimed state carved out at gunpoint. He is right. The claim that this document preserves Bosnia's sovereignty, as a union of three "constituent republics", is weak. The "union" is a fiction, powerless to control its external frontiers, to disarm and demobilise the warring armies, or to assure commerce, law and order — powerless also to prevent the Croat and Serb "republics" merging into Greater Serbia and Greater Croatia.

Lord Owen has long since lacked Western support and lost much of his credibility. His sole concern now is to stop the war before the winter: at whatever cost to principle. He has promised Bosnia's Muslims, 44 per cent of the prewar population, a viable state. Yet in the maps under discussion, he seems to envisage even the division of Sarajevo, where a third of all prewar marriages crossed cultural lines: giving the Serbs the western districts which, while cosmopolitan before the war, contained a plurality of Muslims.

America, Britain and their allies should tell Lord Owen squarely that Sarajevo is not a bargaining counter. To divide Bosnia's capital would be to abandon any pretence to respect the centuries-old traditions of tolerant coexistence it embodies. Serbs and Croats would conclude that they might as well simply add to their conquests by splitting Bosnia in two, not three. Without Sarajevo, Muslim Bosnia could not survive even as a rump state — as the Serb gunners pouring fire on the city well know.

The politicians who give Nato its orders must now be better than their word. Next Monday, if not earlier, they must disentangle Nato from the red UN tape with which they have bound it. A deadline should be set for air-power to halt all bombardments. Nato must be instructed to act not only against the "strangulation" of Sarajevo, but to ensure its survival as the nucleus of an internationally-guaranteed Muslim state. If the West is bent on forcing the Bosnian presidency to accept defeat and partition, Nato must also be operationally and politically ready to back that pledge on the ground, as it was not when Lord Owen extracted the vital signatures for the Vance-Owen plan.

Firmness now can aim only to minimise the consequences of bowing to Serb and Croat aggression in the hope — a faint one — that Bosnia will be its only victim. More, much more, should have been done. On strategic as well as moral grounds, less cannot be tolerated.

HOME ALONE CHILD

A prison sentence does not fit this crime

The case of the two-year-old girl in Warwickshire, left alone every day while her mother went out to work, has the quality of a nightmare. A child of that age is mobile and adventurous enough to come to harm, but lacks the practical judgment or the resources to summon help that even a four-year-old might have. Most parents would be reluctant to leave a child of this age unwatched for more than a few moments. In addition to being at great risk, a two-year-old child is also at a point of rapid social development. The need for company at this age is crucial.

The mother's own testimony shows that she was aware of her child's psychological needs. She had stopped returning home during her lunch break because she found it difficult to cope with the "emotional burden" of her daughter's distress when she left again. She is also said to have been afraid that she would assault her daughter if she were forced to stay at home unemployed: that she was not "the sort of person who could sit at home 24 hours a day looking after a child".

A great many women find this task onerous. It is made considerably harder by the loneliness and strain of single parenthood. Many such mothers may occasionally mistreat their children out of exasperation. But the damage done by such temporary loss of control is not necessarily more than that caused by the gross neglect of a child's fundamental need for care and human contact. Single mothers justly complain that social security benefit rules and the lack of affordable child care make it impossible for them to go out to work. But most of them do not abandon their toddlers.

Mitigating factors are hard to find in this case. But a prison sentence for the mother does not seem designed to help a child who has already suffered from her absence. A year on probation, in which she might have received advice about her daughter's needs, would be of more help to the child.

A point of wider concern is that this child's plight should have gone undiscovered for a full year. The networks failed. No extended family or social agency entered the picture. The mother was apparently determined to avoid the intervention of the social services, for fear that she would be forced back into bed-and-breakfast accommodation, and her child taken into care. If the social workers now arouse such anxiety that those who most need their help are afraid to call on them, something is grievously wrong.

PER ASTRA AD ARDUA

Astronomy leads us to life's most complex questions

The decision of the Science and Engineering Research Council to back the Gemini telescopes project involves Britain in one of the world's most exhilarating scientific investigations. Over the next seven years, two massively powerful 8m telescopes will be constructed on Mauna Kea in Hawaii and on Cerro Pachon in Chile. They should be scanning the heavens by 2000.

The Gemini telescopes will probe the frontiers of human understanding. Covering the whole sky and the infra-red, optical and ultra-violet regions of the spectrum, they will advance our knowledge of the history of the different chemical elements and of the mysterious "dark matter", which sheds no light but seems to be essential to the structure of the universe. The processes that precede the birth of stars and galaxies will be revealed in greater detail; the chemistry of creation should become a little more intelligible.

So too may its origins. The great early modern astronomers such as Copernicus, Kepler and Galileo tried to explain the basic mechanisms of the universe. But contemporary projects such as Gemini hover on the cusp between physics and metaphysics, allowing man to see light that began its journey to Earth billions of years ago. A beam of light takes just over four years to reach the human eye from Proxima Centauri, the star nearest to the solar system, while our image of the sun is a mere eight minutes old. But the Gemini telescopes will enable us to see galaxies as they were when the universe was only half its present age. Signals seven billion years old will at last be received on this planet. We will edge a little closer to infinity.

Such an achievement is scientifically invaluable. It is also inspiring. Humanity's relationship with the stars has changed dramatically since the Cold War space race. That was driven by the instinct to colonise the solar system, and to stride victoriously through the foothills of the lunar Appennines. But in recent years, as the strange implications of post-Newtonian physics have seeped into popular culture, astronomy has attracted greater interest than space travel.

The profound questions raised in Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* and other scientific works have nurtured a more contemplative, humbler approach to the mysteries of space. Thirty years ago, the starship was the symbol of future science. Today, it is the telescope. Almost four centuries after Galileo first peered at the moons of Jupiter, mankind is once again looking to the heavens in search of answers rather than conquests. As the poet saw the world in a grain of sand, so the astronomer now searches for its secrets in a pinprick of ancient light.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Balancing books with Europe

From Mr Alan Clark

Sir, *The Times* has played a respectable and constructive role in nurturing the climate of scepticism and rational enquiry which brought about the demise of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) and thus (in any recognisable form) of the Maastricht treaty. What is important is that the new debate should be pursued both urgently and with a readiness to consider every argument on its merits and free of prejudice or rancour.

To a large extent both of your distinguished contributors today, Norman Lamont and Enoch Powell, rest their argument on assumptions that are obsolete. Mr Powell's familiar sovereignty test is (as he himself admits) a 1972 model.

Today, the test of any policy should be, "To what extent will its fulfilment make the UK richer and more powerful?", and of any alliance structure, "To what extent is it amenable to pressure and exploitation in the UK national interest?" So I was a little surprised to read in your own editorial today an argument for salvaging the Anglo-French entente.

This concept, which has exacted a fearful price in blood, treasure and diplomatic entanglement since it was first articulated by Sir Edward Grey at the turn of the century, should have been consigned to the dustbin last September, when the French were actively speculating against sterling and urging Bonn to let us go to the wall.

Now that both the political imperatives of the Cold War and the extravagant pretensions of a fixed exchange-rate system are gone we can indeed consider a "two-tier" Europe.

As good a starting point as any would be to confine the first tier to those who pay into the Community more than they draw out of it. This would carry the additional advantage of depriving M Delors of his rotten borough in "Club Med", and its block vote at the Council of Ministers.

Your obedient servant,
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August 3.

From Mr Edmund Dell

Sir, Your comment (leading article, August 3) that the ERM was "originally a relatively modest mechanism for containing exchange-rate fluctuations" is odd. Indeed the whole debate about the ERM and its "fault lines" reads oddly to anyone who was involved in 1978 in the debate as to whether the UK should join.

The attempt then at monetary reform was presented by Germany and France as a major step towards monetary union. At the centre of the European monetary system (EMS) was to be the ecu. This was to be the great difference between the EMS/ERM and the previous attempt at currency coordination, the "snake", from which France had been twice expelled during the 1970s, at the centre of which was the mark.

There was to be a European monetary fund (EMF) which would mobilise the reserves of the Community and especially the German reserves which Helmut Schmidt, the German chancellor, said he wished to use in the general interest of Europe. A divergence indicator would bring pressure to bear on divergent currencies to act to preserve the system and reduce its deflationary character.

Everyone had the mark in mind. It was the strength of the mark that had, in the 1970s, forced France and Britain out of the snake. Now there would be a presumption that German policy would, if necessary, be modified.

The sceptics viewed the proposal differently. To us it seemed that the EMS/ERM had less to do with monetary union than with German resentment at American economic policy and a desire to maintain German competitiveness by putting lead in the mark's balloon, so to speak, to keep its rate down. We suspected that at the centre of the system would in practice be not the ecu but the mark. So it has inevitably proved.

If that had not been the real intention Germany would not have entered the system. We knew that the primary responsibility of the Bundesbank was not to Europe but to Germany. We never expected the EMF to come into existence. After all, it was not Herr Schmidt who controlled the German reserves. And although exchange rates were supposed to be adjustable questions of political prestige would eventually enter any system of fixed rates, the more so as it was presented as a forerunner of monetary union.

Not all the sceptics were, as the jargon now is, Euro-sceptics. But the system seemed to us replete with fault lines and damaging to the interests of the UK. Today I cannot see any fault line in the EMS/ERM that was not apparent in 1978. My only question is why these fault lines were overlooked in 1990.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr P. H. Wolton

Sir, No doubt Mr Lamont is singing in his bath once again.

Yours faithfully,
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Test of conscience over forthcoming papal encyclical

From the Editorial Director of the Catholic Herald

Sir, The comments of Cristina Odone ("War-cries from the Vatican", July 30) and Libby Purves ("A blight on the marriage bed", August 2) on the coming new papal encyclical on morality highlight in different ways the extreme, possibly tragic seriousness of developments about to unfold. It might thus be useful to recall what happened "behind the scenes" 25 years ago when the original encyclical banning contraception (*Humanae Vitae*) was issued.

It had been preceded by a broad-based commission appointed by the Pope himself to tender expert advice. Cardinal Heenan, a vice-president of this commission, was Archbishop of Westminster at the time. He subsequently explained to me, as editor of *the Catholic Herald*, why the encyclical had come as such a "bombshell" to so many, including himself.

The commission's "majority report", relying on solidly Roman Catholic moral theological principles, had recommended in effect a relaxation of the contraception ban. The "minority report", relying solely on possible dangers to papal authority, had recommended no change.

The *Catholic Herald*'s response to the encyclical appealed to accepted Catholic principles on the role of the "informed conscience". Our argument, though widely attacked, was sensationally endorsed on television by Cardinal Heenan. Questioned by David Frost on his attitude to such Catholics as might conscientiously feel unable to live by the encyclical, he replied:

If they're really following their conscience in the sight of God, which is all that matters, the priest, the bishop, the Pope doesn't matter compared to God.

He may have been thinking of the famous passage with which Cardinal Newman ends his section on conscience in *The Difficulties of Anglicans*:

If I am to bring religion into after-dinner toasts, I shall drink — to the Pope, if you please — but still to Conscience first and to the Pope afterwards.

As Libby Purves seems to imply, the time may well have come to reassert traditional Catholic principles of conscience as opposed to claims for the supposed inerrancy of authority alone.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Robert Nowell

Sir, Cristina Odone misrepresents the situation within the Catholic Church by suggesting that the dispute over birth control is merely between conservatives who accept *Humanae Vitae*'s reaffirmation of the traditional condemnation and liberals who regard this as an ideal, but one that is impossible to live up to.

Where does this leave the many Catholics like myself who do not see the condemnation as representing any kind of ideal but regard it as plainly wrong?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Peter Worden

Sir, As one of the Roman Catholics most publicly critical of *Humanae Vitae* when it was published, may I correct Cristina Odone on one point. We did not think that the encyclical offered an ideal which was true but hard to follow. We thought that it was totally mistaken about contraception.

We should not react to any Roman reaffirmation of the ban on artificial contraception. The strength of opposition in the Church on this issue is so clear that silence cannot be taken as consent, whereas to respond would be to collude with Rome's belief that what it says on this matter under present conditions is credible.

Now as then the only way forward is for the debate to be formally reopened in the Church, with the findings of Pope John XXIII's commission on birth control as the starting point.

Yours faithfully,
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August 2.

From the Reverend Ronald J. Walls

Sir, Ruth Gledhill ("Catholics warn of defections over contraception ban", July 30) states: "The 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* ... was not infallible." Presenting the document in 1968 Mgr Ferdinando Lambruschini, Professor of Moral Theology at the Lateran University, said it was presented with the full weight of the Church's magisterium, adding:

The decision binds the consciences of all without ambiguity. In particular, it can and must be said that the authentic pronouncement ... excludes the possibility of a probable opinion, valid on the moral plane, opposed to this teaching.

Many people seem to think that only *ex-cathedra* pronouncements are infallible. The magisterium also teaches infallibly, subject to certain conditions which were fully satisfied in the case of *Humanae Vitae* (see Vatican II's document *Lumen Gentium*, n.22). No pope is free to change such teaching.

Yours sincerely,
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From Monsignor Michael Sharkey

Sir, The text of the encyclical has yet to be published, but we already have the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1992, though not in English.

The French original states approval of natural methods of birth regulation, describes as intrinsically evil (a technical phrase) those methods which impede procreation, then in smaller print quotes eight lines of an earlier document of John Paul II locating the issue within the context of the reciprocal gift of the spouses to each other.

There is no word of condemnation, no rush to judgment. It seems to me highly unlikely that the Holy Father's encyclical will contradict his catechism.

Yours sincerely,
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Legislation by speech

From Mr David Bean

Sir, In his article, "The government is not above the law" (July 23), Anthony Lester, QC, praises the decision of the House of Lords last November in the case of *Pepper v Hart* (in which he appeared as counsel), allowing reference to Hansard for the purposes of interpreting statutes. But I believe there is a serious objection to the decision, which is that it allows legislation by speech.

A minister may seek to "improve" on the wording of his bill with a statement about what he intends it to mean. A member who disagrees with the statement may be unable to do anything about it, particularly in the House of Commons where, in contrast to the House of Lords, only a small number of members can take part in a bill's committee stage.

Amendments at report stage (other than those tabled by ministers) are only debated or voted on if selected by the Speaker; backbench members cannot even make speeches unless called by the Speaker; and proceedings on controversial bills are often guillotined.

Lord Mackay, in his dissenting speech, forecast that in practically every question of statutory construction that comes before the courts the parties' legal advisers will require to study Hansard to see whether or not there is any help to be gained from it. He has been proved right.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr J. M. Ross

Sir, I hope that the decision in *Pepper v Hart* will not be taken literally as an infallible key to the interpretation of statutes. In my experience as a civil servant I found that ministers expounding new legislation to Parliament often gave only a rough and approximate explanation of its meaning.

It is the business of the courts to give the exact meaning of the actual words of a statute, and not to be bound by loose approximations in Hansard.

Yours faithfully,
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A question of worth

From Mr George Galloway, MP for Glasgow, Hillhead (Labour)

Sir, Norman Stone, that guru of yesterday's Thatcherism, is entitled to his view, in his review of Roy Jenkins's new book (July 22), that I am "vastly less worthy" than my predecessor as member of Parliament for Glasgow, Hillhead, the now Lord Jenkins. Such judgments are made at general elections and my constituents considered the then Mr Jenkins so "vastly worthy" that they booted him out.

The noble lord laboured mightily again in the 1992 election on behalf of his former election agent, standing for the Liberal Democrats in his stead. The electorate nearly doubled my majority.

Professor Stone moves into more dangerous territory when he talks of my "defence of the dubious post-communist regime in Romania". As the author of a viscerating attack on Romanian communism, *Downfall: the Ceausescus and the Romanian Revolution*, I hope the professor is not accusing me of being an apologist for communism in Romania, unlike the Labour government of which Mr Jenkins was a leading member and which was most hospitable to the dictator Ceausescu on his state visit to London.

But perhaps what links the constituents of Glasgow, Hillhead and the people of post-communist Romania is that in democratic elections they persist in voting in a way that displeases the disappointed Professor Stone — in my case for a "vastly less worthy" member of Parliament, in the case of President Ion Iliescu a "dubious post-communist".

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE GALLOWAY,
House of Commons.
July 29.

Hospital choice

From Lord Jenkin of Roding

Sir, When interviewing applicants for consultant posts the medical director of this NHS trust asks every candidate: "Do you agree that the results of medical audit (assessment of the value of clinical work done) should be made available to our purchasers?" The answer has been invariably: "Yes, provided patient-doctor confidentiality is respected."

I do not see how those who purchase our services can sensibly choose where to place contracts unless they have regard to comparative outcomes. Our medical audit committee has been invited by the trust board to consider how the results of their work can best be disclosed; we made it clear that a mere list of audits conducted without outcomes was no use to us or our purchasers.

This is a far better way to assess outcomes than the crude table of surgical deaths that you published (reports, April 27, 28; letters, July 15). Because the NHS statisticians suspected a statistical aberration they decided, without consulting us, to alter our figures so that Whipps Cross Hospital was made to appear as one of the *worst* performers. It is now conceded that our surgical death rates are significantly lower than the average for all hospitals and lower than comparable hospitals with very busy accident and emergency departments.

I am all for informed public discussion of clinical outcomes; in this trust we are content that ours should be compared with the best in the country.

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Maintaining standards

From Mr Paul Hewlett

Sir, I was concerned about inaccuracies in Ms Norman's article, "Big BS5750 is watching you" (July 20), which do a disservice to accredited certification bodies as well as the National Accreditation Council for Certification Bodies. BS5750, which mirrors the internationally accepted standard ISO9000, states clearly that to obtain certification a supplier's quality system should be a means of ensuring that the goods or services provided will meet specified requirements.

There is nothing vague about that. It is an assurance careful buyers have always needed. They used to do their own assessments. Now that reliable (i.e., accredited) certification by independent third-party bodies is available, many buyers are relying on it. As a result the "Friday afternoon car syndrome" is becoming much rarer, while buyers save the expense of doing their own assessing.

"Any old Joe" cannot issue an accredited certificate as Ms Norman asserts. Accredited certification bodies meet the requirements of the European standard EN45012. This standard states clearly that certification bodies must not engage in activities which may conflict with their impartiality — for example, consultancy.

It is true that non-accredited bodies can issue BS5750 certificates but suppliers and purchasers must discover for themselves what weight they carry.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. HEWLETT (Secretary),
National Accreditation Council
for Certification Bodies,
13 Palace Street, SW1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Obscure origins

From Ms Sarah Safraz

Sir, I thought that Mr Coutts (letter, July 27), who bought a melon that was the "product of more than one country", might be interested in the piece of Coley Primesteak bought from my local supermarket. It was proclaimed to be "one thick cut of coley, made from the fillets of more than one fish".

Yours faithfully,
SARAH SAFRAZ,
5 Meopham Road, Mitcham, Surrey.
August 3.

Ms Nessie

From Mr R. S. R. Fitter

Sir, I congratulate your Scotland correspondent on solving at a stroke a problem that has baffled Nessie-watchers for 60 years by writing (report, July 31): "At 7.30am on Wednesday morning she apparently swam along the loch at speed ..."

Yours etc,
RICHARD FITTER,
Drifts, Chinnor Hill,
Chinnor, Oxfordshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 3: Her Excellency Mrs Ellen Gray Bogle was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing her appointment as High Commissioner for Jamaica in London.

Mr Alan Furness was received in audience by Her Majesty and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Dakar.

Mrs Furness was also received by The Queen.

Mr Brian Attewell (British High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas) and Mrs Attewell were received by Her Majesty.

The Queen this afternoon visited Woolwich to mark the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Royal Horse Artillery.

Her Majesty, escorted by the Master Gunner (General Sir Martin Farndale) and the Director Royal Artillery (Major General Michael Tenriani), was received on the parade ground with a Royal Salute and subsequently inspected a Guard of Honour and reviewed the Batteries on Parade.

The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Parade and the Master Gunner replied.

Subsequently Old Comrades and the Batteries Marched and Drove Past followed by a Rank Past by the King's Troop.

Afterwards Her Majesty attended a Garden Party.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robin Janvrin, Major General Brian Pennicott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 3: The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, today visited Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose, Helston, Cornwall.

Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
August 3: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning from France.

Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

Martin Jarvis, the actor, is 52 today

Birthdays today

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her birthday today.

Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 79; Mr David Bedford, composer, 56; Mr William Cooper, novelist, 83; Dr Jack Cunningham, MP, 54; Sir Rustam Feroze, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 73; Professor H.L. Freeman, psychiatrist, 64; Sir George Godber, former chairman, Health Education Council, 85; Miss Georgina Hale, actress, 50; Professor Sir David Hull, professor of child health, 61; Mrs Rachel Jones, former chairman, Broadcasting Council for Wales, 85; Mr David Lange, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 51; Mr Ian Newton, headmaster, Bedales School, 47; Mr Simon Preston, organist, 55; Mr John Spalding, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 69; Mr Peter Squires, rugby player, 42; Sir Rodney Swiss, dentist, 89; Sir Michael Weston, diplomat, 56.

Appointment

Michael Cornish to be managing director of Duchy Originals Ltd, the Duchy of Cornwall's marketing arm, from September 1.

The King of the Belgians

A register of condolences for the King of the Belgians will be opened at the Belgian Embassy, 104 Eaton Square, from 2.00 to 4.00 today; from 10.00 to noon and 2.00 to 4.00 on Thursday, August 5, and Friday, August 6.

Lord Attenborough

The life barony conferred upon Sir Richard Samuel Attenborough has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Attenborough, of Richmond upon Thames in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Drapers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Drapers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Captain Peter Alexander Bence-Trower; Wardens, Sir Nicholas Fane St George Jackson, the Rev Peter Taylor, Mr Robert Harry Borradaile and the Hon Arthur Charles St John Lawson.

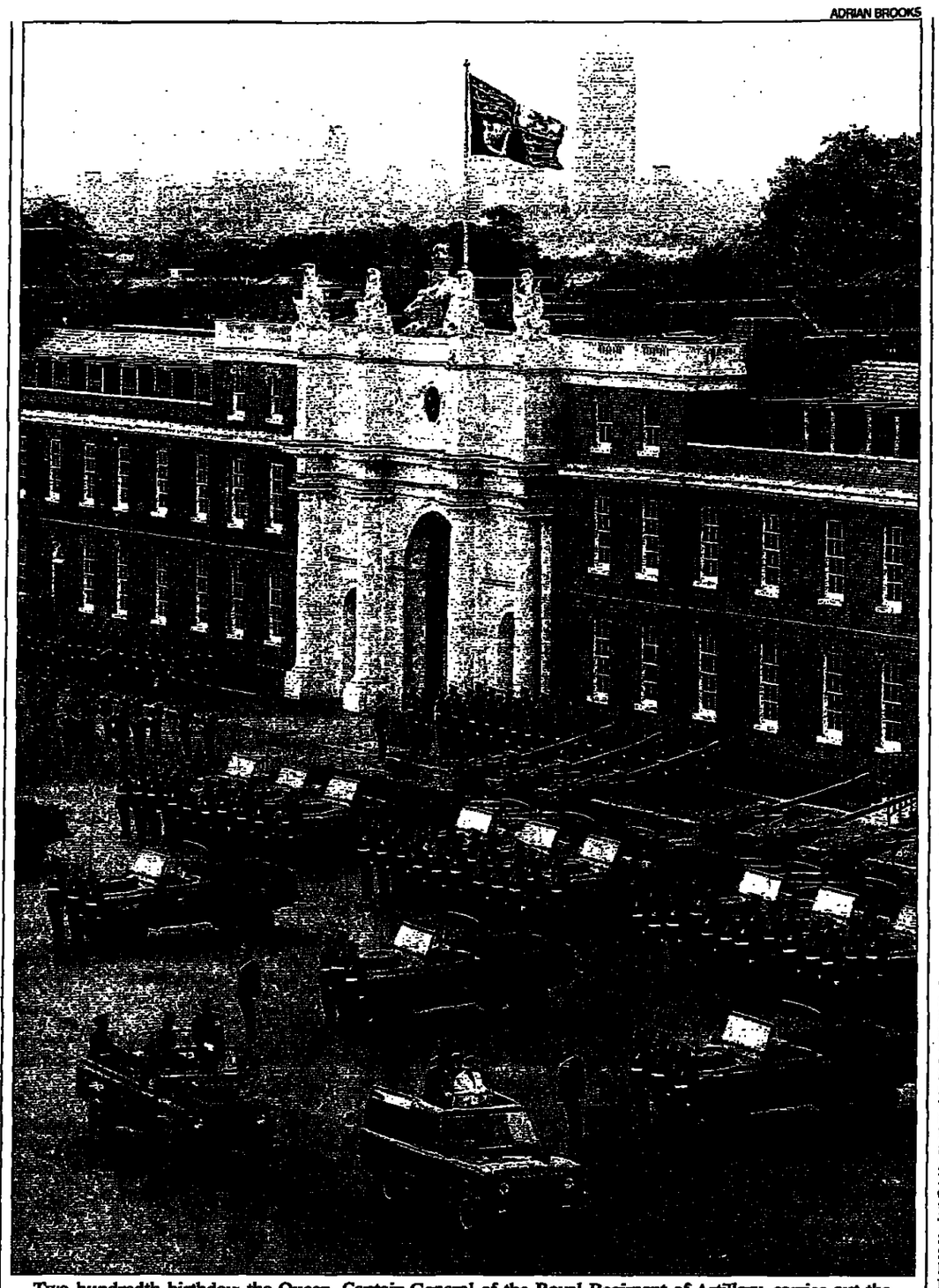
Weavers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Weavers' Company for the ensuing year:
Upper Bailiff, Mr G.E.L. Yeandle; Renter Bailiff, Sir Richard Baker Wilbraham; Upper Warden, Dr R.B. Ingle; Renter Warden, Mr F.J. St.J. Tibbits.

British Rail board

Christopher Jonas, senior partner of Drivers Jonas and immediate past president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, to be a part-time member of the British Rail board from last Sunday, and to transfer to the board of Railtrack on April 1.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Two hundredth birthday: the Queen, Captain-General of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, carries out the Bicentenary Review of the Royal Horse Artillery in front of Woolwich Barracks, the Royal Artillery's home in Woolwich, south east London, since 1802. In the distance is the tower of Canary Wharf in Docklands

Church news

The Rev Canon Christopher Lewis, a Residentiary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, and Director of Ministerial Training in the diocese of Canterbury, is to be Dean of St Albans, diocese of St Albans, succeeding the Very Rev Peter Moore, who is retiring as from August 18.

Appointments

The Rev Martin Adams, Curate, Sandringham group of parishes: to be Priest-in-charge, united benefice of Docking, w The Birchams and Bagthorpe, and Stanhoe w Barwick (Norwich).

The Rev Peter Baxandall, Rector, March St Wendreda: to be also Rural Dean of March (Ely).

The Rev John Bell, Vicar, Sherburn (w Pittington united benefice): to be also Rural Dean of Durham (Durham).

The Rev Nils Bersweden, Curate, St Mary, Mirfield: to be temporary Priest-in-charge, St Andrew, Purlwell (Wakefield).

The Rev John Burgess, Team Rector, St Mary, Halewood: to be Vicar, St Peter and St Paul, Southport (Liverpool).

The Rev Peter Cameron, Vicar, Chesterton, The Good Shepherd: to be Priest-in-charge, Fenstanton w Hilton (Ely).

The Rev William Cameron, Vicar, Hickling, Waxham and Sea Palling: to be also Rural Dean of Waxham (Norwich).

The Rev David Clayden, Team Vicar, Bloxwich (Lichfield): to be Team Vicar, Emmanuel, Tollington Team Ministry (London).

The Rev Hereward Cooke, Team Vicar, Parmentergate Team Ministry and Acting Senior Industrial Chaplain (Norwich): to be also Rural Dean of Norwich East, same diocese.

The Rev Janet Douglas, Assistant Curate, St Edburgha, Yardley: to be Assistant Curate (Parish Deacon), St Paul, Hamstead (Birmingham).

The Rev Ian Friars, Team Vicar, St Thomas a Becket and St Mary, Ramsey and St Peter, Upwood: to be Priest-in-charge, Cottenham (Ely).

The Rev Alan Frostick, permission to officiate, South Lympne deanery: to be Retirement Officer to represent the diocese of Canterbury.

The Rev David Harrison, Rector, Tasburgh, Tharston, Forncett and Flordon: to be Assistant Minister, Gorleston St Andrew (Norwich).

The Rev Peter Harrison: to continue as Area Dean of East Hull (York) for a further period of five years.

The Rev Neil Heavisides, Rector, Edington (Salisbury): to be a Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral (Gloucester).

The Rev Andrew Hetherington, Vicar, Bootle St Mary w St Paul (Liverpool): to be Team Rector, The Lydiards Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev Godfrey Higgins, Vicar, Pontefract St Giles: to be also a Canon of Wakefield Cathedral (Wakefield).

The Rev David Hutton, formerly Assistant Curate, St Oswald, Hartlepool (Durham): to be Associate Parish Priest (Company of Mission Priests), St Mary, Swanley (Rochester).

The Rev Norman Issberner, Priest-in-charge, Castle Hedingham: to be Vicar, Clacton, St Paul (Chelmsford).

The Rev Ross Kennedy, Team Vicar, Eglingham and South Charlton, in the Glendale group: to be Team Rector, Christ the King, Newcastle (Newcastle).

The Rev Bob Lewis, Vicar, Newchurch and Glazebury: to be also Bishop's Planning Officer (Liverpool).

The Rev Thomas Lynds, Vicar, Rainham: to be also Assistant Area Dean of Havering (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Miller, Vicar, St John's, Rastrick (Wakefield): to be Team Rector, Helston and Wendron (Truro).

The Rev Canon Ferdie Phillips, permission to officiate, Canterbury deanery: to be Retirement Officer to represent the diocese of Canterbury.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev John Browns, Priest-in-charge, Westmill, and Diocesan Stewardship Adviser (St Albans): to retire as from July 31.

The Rev Frank Hicks, Vicar, Portland St John the Baptist (Salisbury): to retire from November 30.

The Rev Peter Hooper, Rector, Yetminster w Ryme Intrinseca and High Stoy (Salisbury): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Robert Hope, Team Rector, Radipole and Melcombe Regis Team Ministry (Salisbury): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Dennis King, Vicar, Flamstead (St Albans): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Eric Nugent, Rector, Weeley w Little Clacton (Chelmsford): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Peter Pickett, Priest-in-charge (NSM), Danehill (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Canon Ernest Orland, Vicar, All Saints, Peterborough (Peterborough): to retire as from November 30.

The Rev John Robinson, Vicar, Compton, the Mardens, Stoughton and Racton, and Vicar, Stansted (and Forestside) (Chichester): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Canon Alan Spray, Vicar, Burgess Hill, St Andrew (Chichester): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Richard Sweet-Escott, Vicar, Crawley Down (Chichester): to retire as from October 1.

The Rev Dudley Vargas, Vicar, Kirdford (Chichester): to retire as from August 31.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Tradescant, gardener, Meopham, Kent, 1608; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Dumfries, 1792; Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex, 1792; Walter Pater, critic, Shadwell, London, 1839; W.H. Hudson, writer and naturalist, near Buenos Aires, 1841; Knut Hamsun, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Lam, Norway, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder, music hall entertainer, Edinburgh, 1870; Sir Osbert Lancaster, writer, London, 1908.

DEATHS: Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, killed at the Battle of Evesham, 1265; William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, London, 1598; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1799; William Ayrton, poet, Elgin, 1865; Hans Christian Andersen, story-teller, Copenhagen, 1875; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist and physicist, Treibach, Austria, 1929; Rodney (Gypsy) Smith, evangelist, on board the *Queen Mary* en route for Florida, 1947; Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, 1976.

The Red Cross Society was founded in Britain, 1870.

Britain declared war on Germany, 1914.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I.M. Bourne and Dr L.E. Pollock
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Squadron Leader I.D. Bourne, AFC, and of Mr and Mrs James Talbot, of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, and Lucy, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.A.R. Pollock, of Little Eccleston, Lancashire.

Mr R.A. Collins and the Hon Katharine A. Hogg
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Collins, of Penarth, South Glamorgan, and Katharine, youngest daughter of the Right Hon the Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, and the late Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone, of Putney, London.

Mr F.G. Ewers and Miss G.M. MacWilliam
The engagement is announced between Gideon, son of Mr I.E. Ewers, of Houston, Texas, and Mrs A.C. Ewers, of Woodgreen, Hampshire, and Gillian, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs M.E.M. MacWilliam, of Dedham, Essex.

Mr C.V. Kay and Miss F.G. Gliksten
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Kay, of Pool-in-Wharfedale, West Yorkshire, and Francesca, daughter of Mr Michael Gliksten, of Denham, Suffolk, and Mrs Catherine Gliksten, of Chelsea, London.

Mr R.J.M. Pugh and Miss V.K. Mills
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of the late Dr and Mrs J.M. Pugh, of Reigate, Surrey, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grahame Mills, of Kington St Michael, Wiltshire.

Mr R. Singh and Miss K. Bhasin
The engagement is announced between Raminder, son of Mr and Mrs S. Singh, of Thurmaston, Leicestershire, and Kavita, daughter of Dr and Mrs B.B. Bhasin, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Sub-Lieutenant A.M. Stacey, RN, and Miss J.N.St C. Grondona
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stacey, of Hazelmere, Buckinghamshire, and Juliette, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter St Clare Grondona, of Tackley, Oxfordshire.

Mr M. Wallis and Miss S. Selmayr
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Wallis, of Esher, Surrey, and Stephanie, daughter of Herr K.R. Selmayr, of Wiesbaden, Germany, and Mrs P.K. Selmayr, of San Francisco, California.

Marriage

Mr N.T.L. Thomas and Miss S. Justice
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 31, at St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden, of Mr Nicholas Tobyn Leckie Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs David Thomas, to Miss Samantha Justice, eldest daughter of Mr William Justice and Mrs Hugh Collingridge. The Rev Michael Tyler-Whittle officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sarah Jardine Brown and Thomas Cosans. Mr Benjamin Thomas was best man.

The reception was held at Hampden House and the honeymoon is being spent in Africa.

Dartmouth Royal Naval College

The salute was taken by Admiral Sir Hugo White, the Commander in Chief Fleet, at the passing out parade of officers at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on July 29. This was the last passing out parade under the command of Captain RG Hastilow, who will be relieved in September by Captain S Moore.

Naval College Entry
Seaman
Mids W A Carnegie, N Charlton, J E Cooke, W J Craven, W A Crookes, T G Ellison, A L Haywood, L C Hurn, J E Livesey, T N McEwan, N F Robinson, K Santrain, T E Shaughnessy, J L Simcock, A D Steer, S A Studley, S P Swailes, S Ward, and S C Wynn.

Naval College Entry
Supply and secretarial
Mid A C Burns.

Naval College Entry
Engineers
Mids M R Burley, J Burns, R Cumming, B Davies, J Edwards, S M Haggerty, B Harvey, I Kennedy, A C Kirk, E M McGregor, D McLaughlin, M Ord, O'Shaughnessy, M C O'Toole, L W Pannet, S D Patterson, P Read, J Richards, A Russell, M A Selway, S D Skittrall, H Spedding, D W Thompson, A Tracey, A Wilding.

Direct College Entry
Seaman
Sub Lts S Calnan, S H Dawson, J M G Dineen, R J Duree, M W Gray, T C Green, N A Griffiths, C L Gunn, K J Gutteridge, C Hurley, A D Jackson, K C Kelsey, S G Long, S J McGlory, N W McLintock, R P Mortimer, A S Moss, J R Moss, J J Mullen, L Page, C F Paine, R M Pears, M S Rees, S Robinson, S J Sellars, A M Stacey, R C Tapp, D K Wall, and A P Webster.

Direct College Entry
Supply and Secretarial
Sub Lts B C Park, T B Porter, S M Roberts, and D W A Walker.

Direct College Entry
Engineers
Sub Lts J S Balcombe, T E James, R A Scott, J S Skelton, P D Snelling, and K H Wheater.

Direct College Entry
Instructors
Lts C J Arnold, T S Bailey, D M L Baines, P A Bartlett, R M Beadnell, K Boyle, R J Harcourt, D J Millman, and J C H Stamper; Sub Lt L N Kies.

University College Entry
Engineer
Mid G M Ans.

70 Flight
Observers
Sub Lts N Billcliff, L A Kenninton, A J Kent, R C K Simmonds, and M J Winghfield; Mids C R Adshead, M J Barlow, C M D Kitchener, D Lomax, and I R McFarlane.

70 Flight
Pilots
Sub Lts A D Clink, P E Hacon, P M Lee, W J C Mackay, and M J Mollard; Mids J A Hawkins, and J P Robinson.

70 Flight
Air Traffic Control
Sub Lt C A Furlong.

Special Duties 93/2
Sub Lts P B Brember, C T Clifford, N R Dale, J D Holmes, M P Metcalf, D E Miller, A D Parrett, F C Richards, and N J Smith.

Internationals
Mids Abdullah Ali Mohd, Adil Hamood Nasser, C Aisake Rabuku, A Alavi Mohammed, A H Ali Mohd Salim, G M Aligwe, P A Barrett, Darwich Barri, A K Hilal Ali Saleh, Kahlid Naseeb, Mansoor Zakariyya, A A W Mohd Ali, A Mohd Ahmed, Naji Al Zaabi, Najib Ahmed Salim, O Obaid Hamooda, K Sangpetchsong, Suleiman Mohd Saif, S Suleman Mohd, Zaman Khyber.

Latest wills

Mrs Iris Luise **Burgers**, of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £1,176,361 net.
She left £100,000, effects and monies in a bank account in South Africa to personal legatees, £5,000 to the South Devon Animal Shelter, Torres and 1/4th of the residue each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, and 1/10th of the residue each to the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, RNIB, RNLI and Home Farm Trust.

Mrs Edith Marjorie **Barkas-Carlile**, of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £608,548 net.
She left £100,000 to the Rowcroft House Foundation, Torquay, "in appreciation of the care and attention given to my late husband".

Other estates include (net before tax):
Mrs Jane Frances **Ponsonby**, of London SW15 ..... £675,812
Nora Constance **Radcliff**, of Bridport, Dorset £583,859

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Happy indeed are they whom God rebukes! Therefore do not reject the Almighty's discipline. For though he wounds he will bind up; the hands that harm will heal. Job 5 : 17,18

BIRTHS

ABRAHAMS - On July 23rd at The Portland Hospital to Gillian (née Wiggins) and Ian, a lovley son Jonathan Simon.

BEDDOE - On 27th July to M.M. (McCabe) and Martin, a darling daughter, Poppy, a sister for Kate.

BERGQVIST - On July 27th to Sarah (née Addis) and Philip, a gorgeous daughter Charlotte Katherine.

BOOTH-CLIBBORN TOWNEND - On 2nd August to Eric and Julia a son.

BOWERS - On June 5th 1993 to Jackie (née Goddard) and Jon, another beautiful daughter Imogen Rose.

COLLIE - On July 29th 1993 in Edinburgh to Elizabeth Munro and Donald Collie, a son Cameron Dougal.

CONDRON - Kyle Scott, at The Portland Hospital son of Pamela (née Meyer) and Scott J. On sunday August 1st 1993 at 12.36pm

GARLAND - To Olly and Anna (née Howarth) on 26th July. Campbell Edward John.

GIBSON BEST - On August 2nd to Elizabeth and Keith a second daughter.

HOLLOWAY - to Clarissa (née Rodgers) and Duncan, a daughter Emily Jane, a sister for Edward.

ISAAC - On July 28th to Anne and David, a son, Frederick James McKay.

BIRTHS

KEEGAN - On 2nd August to Sally (née Woodburn) and Nicholas a daughter, Louise Harriet. With thanks to the staff at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa.

PARSONS - On July 30th at The Portland Hospital to Francesca (née Welbore-Ker) and Mike a beautiful son Harry Nicholas.

RUBIN - On July 28th at The Portland Hospital to Jayne (née Purdy) and Stephen a daughter, a sister for Charles.

RUSSELL-WALLING - On 7th July at Wichita, Kansas to Caroline (née Barnby) and James, a son, Joshua James David, a brother for Victoria.

SHINER - On 28th July in Hong Kong, to Fiona (née Murry) and Niall, a daughter, Megan, a sister for Chloe and Dan.

TROMBETTA - On July 31st 1993, to Victoria (née Mabbs) and Raffaele, a daughter, Emily Patricia, a sister for Alessandro Carlo.

WEISBERGER - On July 31st at The Portland Hospital to Polly and David, a wonderful son, Ian Joseph.

MARRIAGES

ROOTH:BARLEY - On Saturday 31st July at All Saints Church, Old Heathfield, Sussex. Christopher David, younger son of Mrs Sandra Fierz, of Bagshot, Surrey to Catharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bailey of Cheam, Surrey.

DEATHS

BUDGETT-MEAKIN - Kathleen, after a long sad decline, on August 2nd 1993, in Pinehurst Nursing Home, Sevenoaks, aged 86. Dearly loved wife of the late Denzil Budgett-Meakin, devoted mother of Catherine and mother-in-law of John, much loved twin sister of Violet Townsend. Funeral in St Luke's Church, Sevenoaks, 9 am August 6th 1993. Family flowers only, contributions if desired to Intermediate Technology, Myson House, Railway Terrace, Rugby, CV21 3HT. Service of Thanksgiving in Highgate to be announced later.

BULL - Angela on 3rd August peacefully in hospital with her family and friends around her, after a long courageous battle. Mass at St Mary's Church, at Cadogan Street, SW1 at 12.15 pm on Friday 6th August, followed by cremation at 1.45 pm at Putney Crematorium, Stag Lane, Putney to both of which all her friends are welcome. Flowers or Cancer Research Donations to J H Kenyon, Funeral Directors, 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU.

BULMER - On August 2nd, Phillipa Jean formerly of Rugby School and Guernsey, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service St Mary's Church, Shiel near Petersfield 11.30am August 28th. Family flowers only but donations to Macmillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

DEATHS

CLARK - Francis Harry. An Old Harrodian - Health Foods. On 31st August, 1993, passed peacefully away at Charing Cross Hospital, aged 83 years. Beloved uncle of Su, Peter John, Roger, De, Peter, Randi, and friend of Roy, Fred and Phyllis, Helena and Sylvia. Loved great uncle of Emma, Josh, Kerenne, Andrew, Samir and Rishi and a special brother-in-law of Rosemary. Funeral on Thursday 5th August, 1993 at 2 pm. Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, W14, followed by cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Barnes & Sons, 081-743 4312.

COBBOLD - Ian Anthony Cecil. Funeral to be held at The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Charminster, Dorset on Friday 6th August at 2.30 pm. Flowers or if desired, donations for King George V Fund for Sailors may be sent to Irish & Denman F/D Palmer Street, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5DB.

CONNOLLY - On August 1st in King Edward VII Hospital Midhurst. Betty very dearly loved wife of Tony and mother of Jane and Bridget. Service of Thanksgiving at St Marys and St Gabriels Church, South Harting at 3pm on Friday 6th August following a Private Cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to the Macmillan Unit King Edward VII Hospital.

DEATHS

COWPER - On 31st July peacefully in Kings College Hospital, Michael Ray beloved and loving husband of Margaret and much loved father of Jennifer and Jeremy. Private cremation on Friday 6th August at Mortlake Crematorium. Service at 11.45 am on Wednesday 11th August at St Giles Church. Stoke Poges followed bt interment in the Memorial Garden. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust, 11 Bank St, Ashford, Kent TN23 1DA.

FIELD - On 1st August 1993 after a short illness, Maurice Wyhmer Field, M.B.E., aged 85 years, sportsman and solicitor, husband of the late Phyllis Isobel Field (née Hope). Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Weston, Stafford on Thursday 5th August at 1pm, followed by cremation at Stafford Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Stafford Hospice, Katherine House, Stafford.

JONES - Suddenly on July 31st at University Hospital of Wales, Haydn of Rhiwbina, Cardiff, formerly of UWIST, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Lorna and Bethan. Resting at James Summers & Son, Heath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff until the service in the Chapel on Friday 6th August at 11.30 am. Afterwards gentlemen only at Thornhill Crematorium. Flowers to the Funeral Home or a donation to the Charity of your choice.

LANGLEY - On July 29th 1993 Joyce Peters Langley at the age of 95. A grand lrunings.

DEATHS

LIGHTON - On August 1st 1993, aged 84, peacefully at home in Kew, Vera, much loved sister of Connie, aunt of David, Fred and Eleanor, great aunt of Emma, Richard, Sarah and James, dear friend of Beryl and Margaret. Thanksgiving and Funeral Service on Tuesday August 10th at 2 pm at Mortlake Crematorium SW14. Family flowers; donations if desired to Godolphin and Latymer Bursary Fund or Compassion in World Farming, 5A Charles St, Petersfield GU32 3EH. Enquiries to T H Saunders & Sons, 28 & 30 Kew Rd, Richmond, Surrey.

MACHEN - On 30th July 1993, peacefully after a courageous fight against cancer, Deborah aged 46 years. Private cremation on Monday 9th August. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St George's Church, Wilton, Taunton, on Sunday 5th September at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Heron Drive, Bishops Hull, Taunton TA1 5HA.

PAGE - On August 3rd 1993, Edna Page (née Bennett) aged 82 years of Hornbeg, Norfolk. Devoted mother of Beverley, Martyn and Nigel. Beloved wife of the late Frederick Morland Page, L.D.S., R.C.S. (England). Private Cremation.

PETTY - On 31st July, peacefully, A.D. (Archie) Petty, beloved husband of Joyce, and beloved father and grandfather. Cremation at Southend Crematorium on Monday 9th August at 2.30 pm. Flowers to F.P. Gulver & Sons, 641 Southchurch Road, Southend SS1 2PN, or donations to British Heart Foundation. Requiescat in pace.

DEATHS

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TRACEY - On 30th July at High Ham Somerset, Stella Tracey, mother of Mary Ann and Anne. Funeral at St Andrew's Church High Ham on Monday 9th August at 10.45 am. Enquiries c/o Forsey & Son Funeral Directors, (0458) 60564.

WYMER - Charlie tragically died in an accident on Wednesday 28th July 1993. Lesley and her family invite their friends to join them in a service to celebrate Charlie's life at St Andrews Church, Much Hadham, Herts on Friday 6th August at 2.30 pm. The family ask for no flowers but donations may be made to the Charlie Wymer Memorial Trust which will be devoted to The School of Architecture and Building Engineering at the University of Bath.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

de MONTFORT - Simon, killed Evesham, 4th August 1265 fighting for representative government. Evesham de Montfort Society. Tel: 0386 446781.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUCK Dorothy May - Will any person knowing the whereabouts of blood relatives of the above named late of Palmer Court Rosendale Gardens Estate Dulwich London SE21 who died on the 13th March 1992 at Southwark London please contact Godfrey Davis & Watt of 1 Lloyd Road Bromsgrove Kent GT10 1BZ.

BIRTHDAYS

PETER RYLAND, formerly of Potts Wood, Knott, now of Manly, Australia is 66 today. Happy Birthday, congratulations on your retirement. With love from all the family.

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OBITUARIES

MAX JONES

Max Jones, jazz critic and journalist, died in Chichester on August 1 aged 76. He was born in London on February 28, 1917.

THROUGH his weekly contributions to the *Melody Maker*, for which he wrote for almost 40 years, and numerous other articles, gramophone recitals, lectures, and broadcasts, Max Jones was the most influential jazz critic in Britain. Beginning with the appearances of the jazz violinist Joe Venuti at the Gig Club in London's Swiss Cottage in 1933 and concerts at the London Palladium by Louis Armstrong and then Coleman Hawkins in 1934, he formed close personal friendships with visiting American musicians, most notably Armstrong and Billie Holiday; and his writing captured perfectly their blend of the romantic and the down-to-earth.

In his interviews Jones posed the questions every jazz fan wanted to ask their visiting idols, and faithfully recorded the answers; and in his critiques of records and concerts he, perhaps more than anyone, defined jazz appreciation in this country. His extended biographies of Mary Lou Williams and Jimmy McPartland, which ran over several issues of the *Melody Maker* in 1954, have become classics of jazz research, and set standards for the oral history of jazz which had seldom been attained anywhere at the time.

Ronald Max Jones was born in London, and grew up in Primrose Hill, where he and his brother, Cliff, played in various school and amateur bands. After leaving school, they played together in a band at the Regent Street Polytechnic before Max went on to play saxophone with the trumpeter Johnny Claes. Although he soon gave up playing in favour of writing about jazz, Max and Claes remained friends, sharing an obsession for racing cars, which ended up with Claes driving professionally, and Jones ferrying American jazz musicians around London in a vintage MG.

During the second world war, Jones and a fellow critic, Albert McCarthy, founded a magazine called *Jazz Music*, which Jones edited on and off until the early 1950s. It published, among other things, one of the first profiles of clarinettist Bob Wilber, whom Jones interviewed at the 1948 Nice Festival. But at the time, the bible among popular music journals was the *Melody Maker*, and Jones began writing for it in 1944 in the Collectors Corner section edited by optician-turned-critic Rex Harris.

Jones was soon writing main features for the paper, demonstrating a far wider range of taste and musical sympathy than Harris. As American musicians appeared in Britain only under exceptional circumstances during the British and American musicians' union bans after the war, Jones often travelled to France to hear and interview his subjects. Among the musicians he met there were Charlie Shavers, Mary Lou Williams, Edmond Hall, and the pioneer trumpeter, Lee Collins. He corresponded with Collins until the trumpeter's death, and contributed an eloquent after-word to the 1989 reprint of Collins's classic autobiography, *Oh Didn't He Ramble*.

Louis Armstrong being greeted by Max Jones in the early 1960s

By the early 1950s, Jones had become a familiar sight at jazz events. He had lost his hair early and covered his baldness with a beret, which, with his characteristic horn-rimmed spectacles, made him a memorable figure. He spent so much time with visiting musicians that they tended to make him an honorary member of their bands. He followed Eddie Condon on the guitarist's British tour, and was in Condon's room during the press conference with the supine and hung-over bandleader. "Finally," he wrote later, "a worried daily newspaper reporter, with a deadline to meet, asked if Mr Condon would object to answering questions from a sitting-up position. Peering from under his brim, Eddie promised to do his best, 'but I'm not really an athlete', he complained."

Jones won the heart of Billie Holiday when he slipped her a half-bottle of whisky after her arrival at Heathrow in 1954, and she referred to him afterwards as "the man who saved my life out at the airfield".

Like many jazz stars, she marvelled at Jones's ability to produce such good interviews when he spent so much time talking himself. On one occasion, she took Jones's wife, Betty, to one side, saying: "I know Max loves me, but can you stop him talking me to death?"

Max and Betty were an inseparable couple, and the fondness of the musicians' community for Betty was equally strong. Ben Webster, for instance, once flourished an impressive knife under Max's nose, assuring him: "Anybody mess with your madam'll have this to reckon with..."

Betty nursed Max through a serious heart attack, which he suffered after retiring from the *Melody Maker* in 1982, and which came as he was collecting his journalism into the book *Talking Jazz* (1988). The final articles were re-typed in his hospital bed, and his editor ferried proofs to and fro from London to the Sussex coast, where Jones had retired.

Over the years, Max Jones built up an impressive picture collection of jazz artists, and some of the best of his photographs appear in his book. With the pressure of a weekly journal to contend with, he produced very little else in book form other than his tribute to Louis Armstrong, which he wrote jointly with John Chilton in 1972, and which remains one of the best published tributes to the man whom Jones felt to be the greatest musical influence on his life. Memories of his first meetings with the trumpeter in 1934 often fired his conversation with elderly musicians. Re-encountering the bandleader Rudolph Dunbar at the American embassy in 1986, Jones said to him: "I last heard you in London in the 1930s playing 'Barney's Concerto' on a metal clarinet." Charmed by the memory, Dunbar was able to recall the month and the occasion, typifying the rapport which Jones was able instantly to establish with the musicians he wrote about.

The death of Betty almost exactly a year ago was a devastating blow to Jones, but he continued to keep in touch with old friends, and to write occasional articles. He had planned to collect a second volume of his pieces as a sequel to *Talking Jazz*. He is survived by his son, Nick. The musicians with whom he worked and about whom he wrote felt about Jones as he himself felt about Billie Holiday when it came to bid her farewell in 1954: "Saying goodbye to Billie was like saying goodbye to an old friend who values you, despite your faults."

W. D. FLACKES

W. D. Flackes, OBE, political correspondent for BBC Northern Ireland, 1964-82, died in a Belfast hospital on August 1 aged 72. He was born on March 14, 1921.

"BILLY" Flackes was perhaps Ireland's most respected journalist. When he retired from the post of political correspondent with BBC Northern Ireland in 1982, fellow professionals North and South went out of their way to salute his remarkable achievement. He was soon to be invited to become a member of the Radio Telefis Eireann Authority. The Ulster MPs at Westminster, not exactly noted for cross-community co-operation, nor indeed for their admiration of reporters, combined to give him a special farewell at the House of Commons to convey unanimous admiration and affection.

Flackes was born in Donegal a month or so before the creation of the Free State. His family later moved to Belfast and it was at the Belfast Technical College that he studied book-keeping and engineering to prepare himself for an unlikely career in telephone rentals. Restless and energetic, he was soon offering copy to local papers. Engineering was abandoned in favour of a succession of reporting jobs with papers whose names echo Ulster's strident history — the *Armagh Guardian*, the *Fermanagh Times*, the *Derry Standard*, the *Northern Constitution*. Even so early in his career it took just six weeks for him to produce, along with Michael Magill, a substantial and well-received biography of Field-Marshal Montgomery. He was later to become a spare-time, science-fiction writer — his publisher gave him the preposterous pseudonym, Vektis Brack.

By 1945 he had moved to Belfast's *News Letter* and was covering Stormont politics. Two years later he joined the Press Association as a parliamentary reporter at Westminster. His reputation for reliability, meticulous accuracy and painstaking fairness was building and when he returned to Belfast it was to be news editor and chief leader writer at the *Belfast Telegraph* from where, in 1964, he joined BBC Northern Ireland as its first political correspondent.

Flackes had no thoughts of adapting to the conventions of microphone technique. He would write for broadcasting as he had written for print. Those who demanded elocution would have to live with it. They did, and their affection for the Flackes style would grow. Thus, when the infamous Ulster "Troubles" erupted in 1968, W. D. Flackes was an already established and widely-believed commentator. But would that unbending North Irish accent be acceptable to the mainland and beyond? There need have been no doubt about it. It easily withstood mildly unkind impersonation. Implacable truth and authority shone through.

Off-screen Flackes was twinkling, perpetually smiling, every ready for gossip but even his gossip had balance and it always fell correctly short of criticism of individual politicians whose integrity he respected and frequently defended. He took no risks with their trust. Many a politician or public figure would conclude a private diatribe against the media by conceding that when "W. D." left a message they would always

ring him back. No one begrudged him the OBE to which he was appointed in 1981. For Billy Flackes (or "Flakjacket" as he was sometimes irreverently known) was an honest broker, his office a mecca for broadcasting mandarin or junior researcher alike. He made time to assist and advise. He had too much enthusiasm to keep just to himself.

Of lasting value to every Ulster-watcher has been, and will continue to be for a long time to come, his *A Political Directory to Northern Ireland*, a unique compendium of Ulster's Byzantine politics written in collaboration with the political scientist Sydney Elliot. The fourth edition is just about to be published. It reflects Flackes's flair for detail, his total recall, his deft use of understatement, his unique encyclopaedic knowledge of his subject.

He is survived by his wife Mary and one daughter.

SIR THEO CRAWFORD

Sir Theodore Crawford, pathologist, died on July 27 aged 81. He was born in Dundalk, Ireland, on December 23, 1911.

THEO Crawford's influence on the medical world stretched far beyond the walls of St George's Hospital Medical School, where he was head of the pathology department for thirty years. He was active both in the establishment of the Royal College of Pathologists and in the affairs of the Cancer Research Campaign.

To these he brought many personal qualities: integrity, wisdom, loyalty, sound judgment, and an immense capacity for work. He had a remarkable ability to weigh the facts of a case and to identify the heart of a problem.

Theodore Crawford was educated at St Peter's School, York, and Glasgow Academy. He graduated in medicine from Glasgow University and began his career in 1936 at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Three years later he was made senior lecturer in pathology at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. During the war he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a specialist pathologist.

After demobilisation Crawford was appointed — at the astonishingly young age of 35 — to the new post of director of pathological services at St George's Hospital, London. In 1948 he became the Foundation Professor of Pathology at St George's, remaining there until his retirement in 1977.

At St George's he was faced with the challenge of building up the pathology department from virtually nothing, both on the teaching side, in what was then London's smallest medical school, and on the hospital service side. Crawford responded by establishing small specialist departments in such areas as medical microbiology and chemical pathology. His growing reputation began to attract other first-class minds to the department and the quality of undergraduate teaching throughout the specialties was soon uniformly high.

Crawford possessed that rare ability to encourage junior colleagues on their own research programmes without dominating their ideas. His own early contributions to medical literature had been on carbohydrate metabolism in children and on the chemotherapy of meningitis and war wounds. After coming to London he became interested in arterial diseases and ischaemic heart disease in which he achieved an international reputation.

Crawford was a valuable

committee man. He rarely spoke but when he did, it was with some well-considered and timely contribution. He was associated with many official bodies. He was the consultant adviser in pathology to the Department of Health, chairman of the Central Pathology Committee (1969-77), and a member of the department's Committee on Smoking and Health (1973-79).

Like many of his contemporaries, he welcomed the establishment of the National Health Service and was saddened by the recent changes in it. But the returned prosperity of the 1960s also led to increased funding for charitable bodies.

One such body was the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC). Crawford's association with the campaign began in 1954 and lasted for almost a quarter of a century. He was instrumental in improving CRC's research management, and assessing the worth of the research proposals made to it. When he retired from CRC activities in 1976, he joined the Duke of Devonshire — who had been chairman of the council for 25 years — as an honorary vice-president.

In the early 1960s when pathologists were heatedly debating the future of the specialty, and the form of a regulatory organisation that would best serve the needs, Crawford consistently held the view that the solution was the formation of a College of Pathologists.

The College, which acquired the prefix of "Royal", quickly gained a reputation for being able to respond to requests from both government and other medical colleges for expert views on important issues. Crawford was its vice-president, 1968-69, and president, 1969-72.

He was knighted in 1973 for his services to pathology.

In spite of his numerous commitments he found time for other interests: horticulture, planting trees and hill-walking. He was a pianist and cellist — playing in chamber orchestras — and spent his holidays in a cottage on the shores of Loch Fyne in Argyll. Although no longer able to move around with the same ease in later years, he remained a keen armchair sportsman.

Crawford was twice married. His first wife, Margaret Green, was a distinguished epidemiologist. She died in 1973, and his second marriage in 1974 was to Priscilla Chater, who was the first secretary of the College of Pathologists. He is survived by her and by two sons and three daughters from his first marriage.

LOUW SCHOEMAN

Louw Schoeman, Namibian environmentalist, died on July 5 after a series of heart attacks aged 57. He was born in East London, South Africa, on February 8, 1936.

LOUW Schoeman was Namibia's foremost environmentalist and the self-appointed protector and promoter of the Skeleton Coast, the starkly beautiful wilderness area which stretches for a thousand miles from Cape Cross, north of Swakopund, to the Angolan border.

Born and educated in South Africa, Schoeman trained as a lawyer at the University of Stellenbosch before emigrating to what was then South West Africa in 1958. Schoeman paid his first visit to the Skeleton Coast thirty years ago, while he was in private law practice in Windhoek and trying to establish for clients the viability of a new harbour at Mowe Bay.

In the event, the harbour

was never built, but Schoeman's growing appreciation of the area caused him to direct all his energy into its conservation as one of the world's last true wilderness areas. Ninety-nine per cent of the Skeleton Coast has never felt the touch of a human foot.

In 1971 the northern, wilderness section of the coast was proclaimed a national park, thanks largely to Schoeman's efforts. He realised that the best way to preserve the park for all time was to share its treasures with small groups of sensitive and appreciative visitors. In 1977 he gave up his legal practice. He then tendered for, and was awarded, the concession to practise limited tourism into the northern section of the park.

In what was one of Africa's first eco-tourism ventures, Schoeman took small groups in and out of the park in his tiny single-engine Cessna planes.

He showed visitors the bizarre geological formations of the vast Namib desert, the ribs of the wrecked whaling ships which litter the long coastline, the unearthly "roaring dunes" at Cape Fria and the strange lunar landscape of the Kunene valley. Visitors stayed at the four small rest camps which he had built using local materials.

Louw Shoeman was one of the first environmentalists to realise that successful conservation depends on the willing co-operation and assistance of local people. He was the main employer of the local Herero people, whom he paid well to help him run his specialised fly-in safaris.

A strict code of conduct obtained for all his visitors. "We leave nothing behind", he would often say, "and we take nothing away." He tried to instil in all who flew with him an appreciation and understanding of the area's fragile ecology.

In later years, his sons Bertus and André took over much of the piloting and guiding themselves, but those who were lucky enough to "go with Louw" enjoyed a special privilege.

Sometimes he would go face down on the beach, peering intently through his pocket magnifying glass. Scooping up a handful of sand, he would show visitors the crystals of garnets, and moonstone, topaz and quartz, ground to a sparkling powder by time and tide. He explained the many wonders of the area with a fervent, missionary zeal.

The future of the Skeleton Coast is again uncertain. Earlier this year Louw Schoeman was bitterly disappointed to lose the sole concession into the area to a millionaire German businessman, a government decision which he was fighting through the courts at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Amy and by his five children.

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The system of signalling by electric lights for improving the movement of traffic was put into operation in Piccadilly yesterday. The object of the installation is to regulate the flow of traffic, particularly where streets lead into Piccadilly north and south. The signals are intended to aid the police officers on point duty by indicating when vehicles should be allowed to proceed or their movement stopped. Each standard of signals at the various points is provided with three lights—green for a clear road; red, indicating that progress is barred; and yellow intimating a change of signals. Standards have been erected at eight places—St. James's-street and Arlington-street on the south side of Piccadilly; Berkeley-street, Dover-street, Albemarle-street, and Old Bond-street on the north; and near St. James's-street and Arlington-street, in Piccadilly.

The signals are controlled by a police officer stationed in a small cabin at the top of St. James's-street, where, by the use of small levers, he changes the lights at the different points for the information of the constables on duty, enabling them to act in accordance with the traffic situation within the area. It will be seen that much depends upon the signalling from the cabin. The officer there is guided to some extent by his own observation. He has a fairly good range of vision, but it is impossible for him to obtain a complete view of the traffic situation. The system consequently enables constables at the different points, by pressing a button attached to the standards, to signal to him, when necessary, the state of the traffic at their stations.

The traffic yesterday was so light that it did not provide a real test for the system. The number of vehicles passing through the streets running north and south, as well as along Piccadilly, was much below that which is customary on busy days. But the installation enabled the police officers to gain experience in the working of the system. Watching the operations, it was possible to see its advantages under efficient control, in advising the officers at the different points of the proper moment for allowing traffic to proceed.

ON THIS DAY

August 4 1926

It was some years before traffic lights spread throughout the country; with only 2½ million private cars (up to 1938) on the road they were not the necessity they are today. In their first years many motorists considered them a nuisance.

POTATO-SPRAYING FROM THE AIR

For the first time in the history of British agriculture a farmer has sprayed his potato crop from the air. Mr. George Caudwell, of Weston, near Spalding, Lincolnshire, who is one of the largest growers of potatoes in the British Isles, has just made the experiment. He chartered a private aeroplane piloted by Major Savage, and by flying so low as at times almost to touch the potato tops the powder was blown on to the leaves of the plants through two pipes on either side of the fuselage.

The field consisted of 40 acres of Majestics, and the whole operation, which in the ordinary way would take two days, was completed in 25 minutes.

Infomercials, pushing products by suggesting uses for them, are seducing the customers. **Alan Mitchell** reports

Product lines: (left to right) Phillip Schofield gets to grips with chopsticks; Delia Smith promotes the luscious lime in her BBC programme, *Summer Collection*; and Selina Scott purrs over a pasta

Sainsbury lures with a new lime

Until this summer, limes were the things fashion-victims stuffed down the necks of beer bottles and tried to drink through, in a doomed attempt to look cool. But you may have noticed that this year limes are in. Want a tang in your salad dressing or a bit of spice in your marinade? Want to impress your dinner party guests? Then add lime.

Ever since Sainsbury brought recipe-in-a-commercial infomercials to the UK airwaves two years ago the nation's leading grocer has been shifting vast quantities of its products. When Selina Scott first purred out a recipe for pasta six months' supply of *mozzarella* disappeared in one week. When Robert Morley rolled his eyes at filo pastry just before Christmas the entire country sold out. When John Nettles, a.k.a. Bergerac, threw pepperoni into some omelette, that week Sainsbury sold seven times its normal volume. Before Sainsbury talked about it *crème fraîche* hardly existed as a product: sales are up eightfold, albeit from a previously tiny base.

Likewise, when Sue Lawley introduced us to the delights of "pepper crusted fish in a warm lime and coriander vinaigrette" in April, sales of limes doubled. According to Sainsbury research, in the weeks after the recipe advertisement was aired, each night 150,000 households sat down to eat Ms Lawley's dish.

While consumer groups worry about just how impressionable we all are, Sainsbury suppliers, who include the world's biggest and most sophisticated branded goods marketers, also have cause for concern — Sainsbury is beating them at their own game. Sainsbury has already got down to a fine art ideas that many marketers are still debating.

> Sales of limes doubled after the recipe advertisement

Idea number one: being consumer led is *passé*. To be led by consumers is to be always one step behind. Instead, innovate, and lead them.

Idea number two: to deliver what your customers want is to be predictable and boring. Deliver what they do not know they want. Exceed expectations; delight them. Peter Dart, a marketing consultant at the Added Value Company, says: "Modern marketing is about manipulating the consumer into a new state, which is actually to their own interests. You are there not only to respond to customer needs but to lead their needs."

David Abbott, the chairman and creative director of Abbott Mead Vickers and the bright spark who thought up the idea says the Sainsbury advertisements were about "the joy of cooking, which is why we chose the music and the pace. But we also wanted to stretch horizons without being too expensive or intricate."

Robin Whitbread, Sainsbury marketing director and Marketing Society Marketer of the Year, says: "Our recipes are innovative, introducing new products."

Idea number three: leave pure image advertising behind with the rest of the 1980s baggage. Selina Scott may purr, Dennis Healey may raise his eyebrows, but in Sainsbury advertisements, says Mr Whitbread, while celebrities are important "the food is hero".

Idea number four: do not just sell; build relationships. Recipes are a help to those doing the cooking: "It is very simple, but we are effectively giving something back to the customer," Mr Whitbread says. "What all the ads have in common is what we call the three As: affordable, accessible and aspirational."

Idea number five: distinctions between "above-the-line" costs (advertising) and "below-the-line" costs (the rest) are out of date. Clever marketers go through the line and integrate their marketing. At Sainsbury, the campaign is "co-ordinated marketing at its best". Mr Whitbread says, including the four Ps: promotion (the recipe on national TV); place (strong point-of-sale material in stores); price (special offers on featured goods); and the product featured on recipe leaflets — 35 million of them so far.

Idea number five: leverage — why buy so much media space when you can use public relations to multiply the impact of smaller spending. As a consultant to Sainsbury, Delia Smith, the cookery writer, advises on their advertisements and the recipes. As a contributor to Sainsbury's 750,000 circulation in-house magazine, her name is featured prominently in stores. At the same time that Sainsbury was promoting its fish and lime, Delia's *Summer Collection* book was published, including lime in two thirds of its fish dishes and a third of its outdoor eating recipes.

Meanwhile, her BBC television *Summer Collection* cookery series devoted a whole programme to lime-based recipes — The 4.5 million viewers who watched the weekly series could also see lime recipes in other programmes, treated in almost exactly the same way as in the Sainsbury advertisements.

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Pop go the rock columns

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FIRST, we are told that pop is dead. Now it seems the pop column is heading for an early grave. On Monday, the *Daily Mirror* axed its decade-old pop page and predicted that rivals could soon be forced to follow suit.

The move appears to fly in the face of conventional wisdom. For years, it has been assumed that the way to win over young readers was by coming up with stories about the latest chart sensations — as seen in *The Sun*'s "Bizarre" and *Daily Mirror*'s "The Limit".

But with sales of record singles dropping by eight million in three years, the new *Mirror* regime felt it was time for a change. Nick Ferrari, assistant editor features, says: "Pop columns gave popular newspapers a tremendous boost in the Eighties. But it seems pointless covering groups who get into the charts with a few thousand sales.

"I'm not saying pop is dead — it will always be around — but there's room for a broader-based diary page." Ferrari, who once worked on "Bizarre", cannot resist having a dig at his old paper, adding: "The pop column as an idea is *passé* and, as such, suits *The Sun*."

The new gossip page, called "The Edge" puts a greater emphasis on television and radio personalities, and members of the royal family — but will also encompass pop and film stars.

With *The Sun* and *Daily Mirror* locked in a ruthless circulation war, the masked reason behind any change is the fight for more readers — it remains to be seen how they respond to the new column. Ferrari admits it is a gamble that runs the risk of offending pop fans but argues: "It's condescending to set aside one page for young people."

For some months, *The Sun* has been carrying more television type stories in "Bizarre" but its rival's facelift will strengthen the hand of those who believe a pop-based column is outdated. Officially, though, it's business as usual. Mike Parry, *Sun* features editor, says: "It's not strictly a pop page, anyway, and it's constantly being improved to keep up."

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BBC interviewers may have been told to be polite, says **John Humphrys**, below, but they will continue to ask tough questions

No, minister, we'll still do our job

"It's fourteen minutes past eight and the Secretary of State is in our radio car now. Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"May I begin, Minister, by offering you the grateful thanks of the entire team here at *Today* for gracing our unworthy programme with your illustrious presence. Perhaps I might make so bold as to invite your comments on the state of the nation in general and then pose a question or two on some specific aspects of the admirable way in which you and your distinguished colleagues have conducted our affairs."

The shape of things to come on Radio 4's morning current-affairs programme? You might think so if you had read some interpretations of what the BBC governors said in the annual report.

Happily, or unhappily for the minister, you would be wrong. True, the governors set as an objective for the next year "to ensure that BBC interviewers maintain standards of proper courtesy . . ." But the sentence continued ". . . while rigorously testing the position of interviewees". In short, be tough but not rude. And who can argue with that? It has been the position of the BBC for as long as I can remember and was enshrined in the editorial guidelines three years ago.

If there is an argument, and I'm not sure there is, it should be about what makes a successful interview. But how to define successful?

Politicians and their interviewers usually have different objectives. At its most basic, theirs is to deliver the party line: ours is to challenge them. If we can get them to go a little further than they intended, to wring from them the admission that will cast new light on the subject, so much the better.

For the politicians, it is a game with high stakes. The bright, young junior minister who regularly sees off a Paxman or a Redhead or a Humphrys can do his career a power of good. And it is a game in which the rules have changed substantially in the past few years.

From the moment Robin Day broke the old sycophantic mould with his first challenging interview, politicians have recognised that they had better take broadcast

interviews seriously and develop appropriate techniques. Or else. Some use the most obvious. Sir Robin likes to tell after-dinner audiences that he was always tempted to say to one prime minister: "And what is your answer to my first question, Mrs Thatcher?"

Harvey Thomas, who was recruited by the Tories 11 years ago to instruct them in the black arts of television technique, says a well-prepared politician will be able to predict every question and deal with it accordingly.

And "well-prepared" includes several hours of mock interviews before the real thing.

Mr Thomas insists that he never instructed his political pupils to avoid questions deliberately, but he believes that is happening now, and he thinks it is counter-productive. There are other techniques: the simulated outrage designed to win the listener's sympathy, the rising inflection at the end of every sentence so that the interviewer appears to be interrupting all the time and the injured innocence when the interviewer suggests that perhaps the question has not been addressed.

And in the face of all this, the interviewer is blameless, the cool professional who never lets a personal view slip in for a fraction of a second, never lets his irritation show?

Hardly. Interviewing is not a perfect science and I doubt I'm the only presenter who has let things get out of hand — and regretted it later. It happened to me a few months ago in an interview with John Hume. Interestingly, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party didn't complain. Far from it: he was worried *he* had upset *me*. But many listeners did.

There was a time when an interview with a party leader or a cabinet minister was a rare event. Now they are routine. Politicians use programmes like *Today* as vicars use the parish magazine, and long may that last. We need them and they need us.

But that does not mean we should give them an easy ride. Nor do most of them want it. The vast majority think they perform more effectively with a bit of prodding, and they are right.

It does mean we should mind our manners. Listeners expect it, and they are the ultimate arbiters.

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Murdoch sets the pace in global race

News Corp's chairman Rupert Murdoch moved closer to his goal of creating a worldwide media network with the company's expansion into the Far East, says **Peter Fiddick**

Yet again, with last week's $525 million purchase of a controlling interest in HutchVision of Hong Kong, and with it Star Television, whose satellite television services are beamed to 38 Asian countries, Rupert Murdoch caught the watching world on the hop.

Not that his renewed interest in the Far East was any secret. But it had appeared, on the surface, that a first approach to Star's owners had not borne fruit and that Pearson, a British-based rival in the international media market place, was now its preferred partner. It also seemed that The News Corporation, the international media group led by Mr Murdoch, was more interested in a tie up with another Hong Kong operator, Television Broadcasting, and that even this deal was being stymied by media ownership regulations because of News Corp's 50 per cent share in two leading newspapers, including the *South China Morning Post*.

Then it appeared that the principal mover had settled for the joys of his new yacht and the Mediterranean summer. Whence came the news that, while Pearson's negotiators were in Hong Kong, HutchVision's Richard Li was on board the yacht agreeing new terms for a deal with News Corp, parent company of *The Times*, after all.

With this stroke, Mr Murdoch has gained a key piece in his renewed strategy for creating a global media network. A decade after the boldest coup of his entire career, the move into American television at the price of his Australian citizenship and much of his original base in his country of birth, his interests now spread from newspapers on most continents to Hollywood feature film and television production, which in turn feeds television broadcasting operations.

From the nascent Fox Network in America, and the increasingly sturdy Sky satellite television system in Britain and continental Europe, these broadcasting operations embrace a 15 per cent interest in Australian television, both terrestrial and, if a bid succeeds, in the launch of satellite pay TV: an imminent cable-tv channel aimed at audiences from the United State's south-west frontier to Argentina; and, now, the Star services to potential audiences of hundreds of millions across a swathe of Asia.

There are many media companies operating across national boundaries and many of these are not short of funds. What distinguishes the Murdoch strategy is the way it is putting together an integrated audio visual operation. The focal centre may be seen as the 20th Century Fox studio operation in Hollywood, the production base for films and television programmes, with a film library augmented by recent acquisitions, which offers a supply that can be tailored to the needs of the television broadcasting systems — Fox, BSkyB, Star — worldwide.

Rival players are big in other ways. The Japanese corporations that also moved into Hollywood in the media turmoil of the 1980s certainly have an interest in broadcasting outlets on their home patch, where there are few inhibitions about common ownership of hardware manufacturers, broadcasters, distributors and advertising agencies. But abroad their main symbiotic concern is in production to support their next generations of television sets and video players.

In Britain, Pearson's decision at last to focus itself as a media group has moved on apace, with enlargement of the stake in BSkyB and this year's purchase of Thames Television, the latter bringing with it a holding in SES Astra, the Luxembourg-based company which owns and operates the Astra satellites through which Sky and other programme channel providers find their audiences.

But Pearson's holdings in British broadcasters and its control of Thames, now a production company with interesting potential, does not yet give it the same spread, least of all in the production of the sorts of programmes which can feed the transnational entertainment market. Its thrust can be expected in other directions.

The Murdoch interests, meanwhile, have one other strategically useful position: the development of an electronic encryption system which is the key to turning generally broadcast satellite television services, whose revenue must come largely from advertising and sponsorship, into the subscriber-only pay-television channels capable of unlocking cash flows on a par with those of major networks but from smaller audiences. Next month, BSkyB moves *en bloc* to subscription, taking a clutch of other Astra users with it. New subscribers are about to start paying for home entertainment on 18 channels.

Whether those of southeast Asia and the Indian sub-continent can be persuaded to do so is one of the next key questions. The popularity of Star TV's package, which includes pop music, film and general entertainment channels, BBC World Service television, and Chinese and Hindi language services, is well-attested. Marketing them and collecting advertising revenue, however, is more complicated.

To turn the enthusiasm into subscriptions would be to hit pay-dirt. But these are not all compact and sophisticated markets like that in Britain. Government regulation is tough in some countries; in others, such as India, some of the audience are watching with the help of satellite dishes cobbled from dustbin lids.

Nor do all the uncertainties lie in the East. The feature film business in general, and Hollywood in particular, has an intrinsic volatility.

Even so, the Star TV move is of great significance and once again puts Mr Murdoch into a strong position to benefit from a market most of whose potential is still to be tapped.

It does, simultaneously, raise the issues of ownership concentration with which media watchers and regulators are all too familiar. But in the emerging new media world, a different pattern seems to be discernible in which even leading players, chastened perhaps by the overambition of the eighties, are readier to form alliances rather than risk all to win all.

Interestingly, it seems that News Corp's 63.6 per cent stake in HutchVision might be bigger than it had sought: it won by letting the Hong Kong founders take out more of their money than Pearson offered. Both saw the need to keep that local expertise, with its contacts with those who run China, committed to the business.

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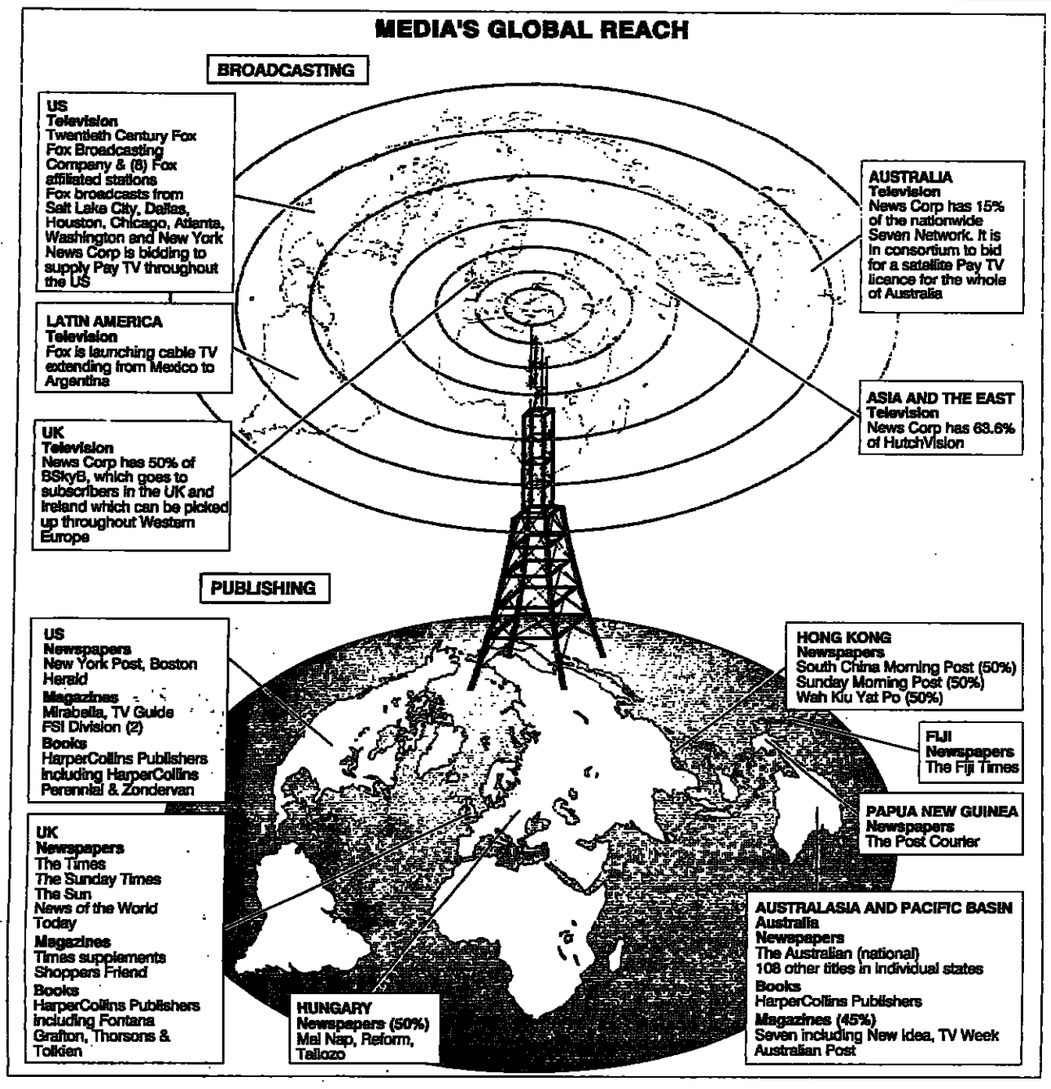

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Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said: "It may well happen unless the parties, particularly the Bosnian Serbs, stop strangling Sarajevo and sabotaging the peace talks in Geneva" Pages 1, 11, 12, 15

Police suspended over deportation death

■ Three police officers involved in the attempt to deport Joy Gardner, a Jamaican, were suspended only hours before hundreds of people picketed outside Hornsey police station to protest at the death of Mrs Gardner Page 1

Autumn boom

Brightening prospects for the British economy point to a mini boom in the autumn as the city and business prepare for lower interest rates. The latest sign of an economic upturn came from the travel trade Pages 1, 21

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Making a splash

The secrets of a new streamlined swimsuit, lighter than nylon and tight as a second skin, were unveiled at the European Swimming Championships in Sheffield Pages 1, 38

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John Major came under renewed pressure from Tory Euro-sceptics to renounce all intentions of rejoining a reformed European exchange-rate mechanism or participating stages of economic and monetary union Page 2

Duchess mourned

Some, if not all, of the family feuds that embroiled Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, during her life were buried with her. But the scandal for which the society beauty is best remembered pursued her to the threshold of the grave Page 3

The Thatcher years

Baroness Thatcher talks with startling frankness about her 11 years in Downing Street in a four-part BBC series, *Thatcher: the Downing Street Years* Page 5

Teachers rally

The main moderate teaching union has threatened to oppose plans to create a "mum's army" of infant teachers Page 5

Fuelling anger

Campaigners are angry that a thick black fuel described as the dirtiest in the world is to be used at power stations in Kent and Merseyside Page 6

Not so green

Golf courses, thought of as a welcome burst of green in an increasingly urban world, are bad for the environment Page 7

Male mafia

Discrimination against women doctors is rife within the medical profession which is run by a male mafia Page 8

On the home run

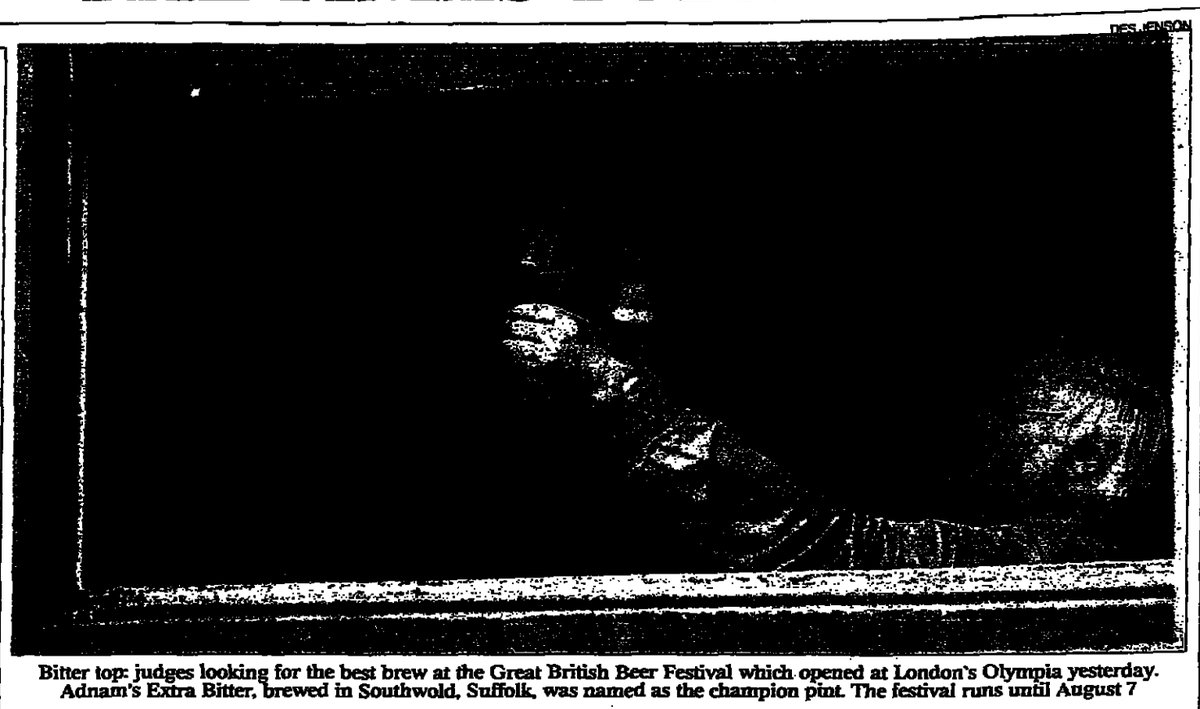
President Clinton started his final budget campaign with his regular morning jog, wearing a T-shirt that had "Vote 4 our future" written on the front and "Pass the plan" on the back Page 10

Mutual attraction

Germany's name may be mud in the French press and on the lips of officials, but the financial bosses of the two countries would have none of it yesterday Page 9

Indecent proposal entices Hollywood

Heidi Fleiss, 27, a doctor's daughter, is to appear in a Los Angeles court on charges of pimping, pandering and possession of drugs. Police claim she ran a prostitution ring catering to Hollywood notables, whose names she has promised to disclose for $1 million. Already she is said to have been offered a $300,000 option on the film rights Page 10



DES JENSON

Bitter top: judges looking for the best brew at the Great British Beer Festival which opened at London's Olympia yesterday. Adnam's Extra Bitter, brewed in Southwold, Suffolk, was named as the champion pint. The festival runs until August 7

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Economy: The narrow money supply rose 4.8 per cent in the year to July, highlighting the vigour of Britain's recovery Page 21

Motown: The sound of motor city record label has been sold to Polygram, the music industry giant which is 80 per cent owned by Philips, the Dutch electrical group Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 3.3 to close at 2945.0 as the stock market waited to see whether European interest rates would come down. The pound rose from 81.4 to 81.8, measured by the trade-weighted index reflecting a rise from $1.4817 to $1.5045 and from DM2.5540 to DM2.5647 Page 24

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Cricket: In an attempt to curb bad conduct, the Test and County Cricket Board has taken the unprecedented step of issuing strongly-worded letters to club chairmen and first-class umpires Page 40

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Athletics: Linford Christie, the Olympic champion, and Carl Lewis, the world record holder, will meet over 100 metres in Zurich this evening, only five days after competing at Gateshead Page 40

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Making good: "Once we went to church on Sunday. Now we go to Homebase. Surveys say that 70 per cent of the British have undertaken some kind of home repairs over the past 12 months." The joys, or otherwise, of DIY Page 13

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Too many composers: Britain has a staggering 21,000 "professional" composers, of which 1,600 are categorised as "serious classical". A new Gulbenkian report suggests that Arts Council commissions may be spread too thinly among too many names Page 33

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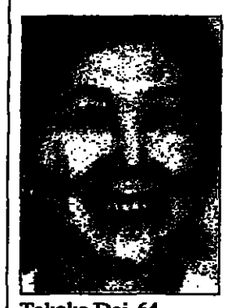

Takako Doi, 64, former Socialist leader, has been nominated as Japan's Betty Boothroyd to be the first woman speaker of the Diet Page 10

Karoly Guttler, 25, of Hungary, broke the 100 metres breaststroke world record at the European swimming championships at Sheffield Page 38

John Patten, who is convalescing, is running dangerously short of allies after embarrassing policy retreats over education Page 5

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Water, water, everywhere. . .

■ Is the water at European holiday resorts safe to drink? Travel News reports on the World Health Organisation's research into what comes out of your hotel tap

Lessons from the past

■ How do the bloody conflicts of medieval Europe affect us today? A. L. Rowse on the Franks and the Germans

Following in Papp's footsteps

■ How will George C. Wolfe revitalise New York Public Theater, which has languished since the death of the great Joe Papp two years ago?

TV LISTINGS

A personal perspective on the Bosnian tragedy is offered by Bill Tribe, an Englishman who lived in Sarajevo for 26 years. His *Sarajevo Diary* (Channel 4, 9pm) is an account of his return to the besieged city and his attempts to get his Bosnian wife and son-in-law to England Page 39

OPINION

In Bosnia's ruins

To divide Bosnia's capital would be to abandon any pretence to respect the centuries-old traditions of tolerant co-existence it embodies. Serbs and Croats would conclude that they might as well simply add to their conquests by splitting Bosnia in two, not three Page 15

Leaving a child

If the social work authorities now arouse such anxiety that those who most need their help are afraid to call on them, something is grievously wrong Page 15

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As the poet saw the world in a grain of sand, so the astronomer now searches for its secrets in a pinprick of ancient light Page 15

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EDWARD HEATH

Make no mistake, an ever-closer union remains the determined objective of the other members of the EC, whatever the sceptics may say Page 14

JOHN BIFFEN

The long battles over Maastricht have not been in vain. The public will now agree that the treaty was the product of Euro politicians and Euro bureaucrats who were not prepared to accept that time had rendered obsolete the amalgam of lofty principles and grubby wheeling and dealing Page 14

LETTERS

Alan Clark, MP, questions the argument for salvaging the Anglo-French *entente* Page 15

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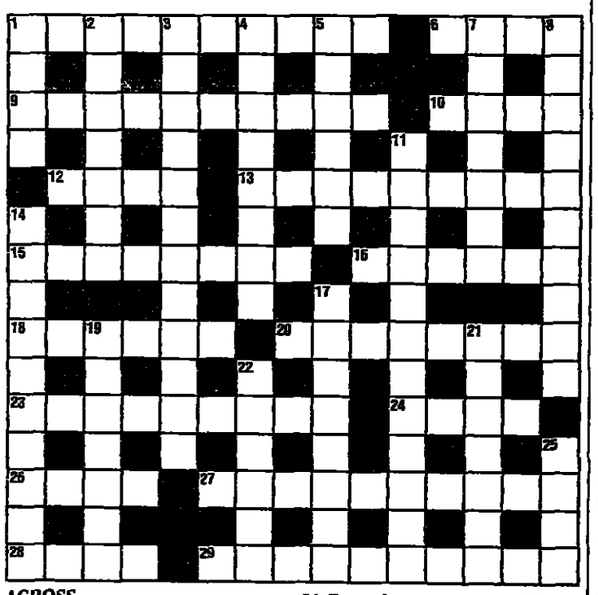
Europe's currency system has now exploded, and the results will reach far beyond the arcane technicalities of finance

— The Washington Post

In any event, Washington needs to be absolutely clear about the limits of its military involvement (in Bosnia-Herzegovina), both strategically and tactically. It should not act unilaterally. It should not directly enter the war

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,300



ACROSS

1 One can lie here without doubling up (6,4).
6 Ivories housed in the Isle of Man (4).
9 Spring collection for promotion of jumpers (10).
10 Go to pieces in battle (4).
12 Gladly recline with female (4).
13 Shoot Mrs Leo — she's after the prizes (3-6).
15 English horses we hear a chap will paint (8).
16 Bad lie needing backward twitch to get out (6).
18 Give out a second warning (6).
20 Cheers inch-by-inch struggle (4-4).
23 Scottish Office — landowner's with it (9).
24 Vat has to be added to a musical instrument (4).
26 Formerly a mark in a test (4).
27 She's a bit distant, being English in a large foreign resort (5,5).
28 Cotton on a divining rod (4).
29 Part of engine to start with handle (10).

DOWN

1 Starkadder's horse placed first (4).
2 Getting close — could be in range (7).
3 Nectar, no doubt, but it's out of our hands here (3,2,3,4).
4 Fat required for pudding (4-4).
5 Busy doctors are not here (6).
7 Wandering sailor turning up in boy's story (7).
8 Heavenly advertising (3-7).
11 They make capital improvements for Scottish game societies (7-5).
14 Losing track, due to recurrence of scarlet fever, perhaps (10).
17 Tea every day for the clergyman (8).
19 Hunter upset strong drink in his cocktail (7).
21 Philosopher nearly married a painter (7).
22 King is covered by strange rash — I have it too (6).
25 Road block not moving, we hear (4).

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 17 per cent of the competitors at the 1993 Leeds regional final of The Times Knockando Crossword Championship.

Solution to Puzzle No 19,299

P	A	S	S	A	G	E		C	H	I	M	E	R	A
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WEATHER

Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will have sunny intervals and some showers at first, but these will die out during the afternoon, as northern England becomes cloudy. Wales and the rest of England will start dry with sunny intervals, but cloud and showery rain in the southwest will spread east to most places by the end of the afternoon. Light winds will make it feel warm in the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	33	91	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	34	93	s
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Melb'rne	11	52	r
Athens	33	91	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	39	102	s	Miami*	33	91	s
Bangkok	31	88	c	Milan	31	88	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	26	79	s
Barcelona	26	79	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Beirut	28	82	f	Munich	29	84	s
Belgrade	34	93	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	26	79	s	Naples	27	81	s
Bermuda*	31	88	s	N Delhi	29	84	d
Biarritz	21	70	c	N York*	33	91	s
Borde'x	23	73	s	Nice	27	81	s
Brussels	20	68	f	Oslo	14	57	r
Budapst	31	88	s	Paris	22	72	s
B Aires*	14	57	s	Peking	31	88	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Perth	17	63	s
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Prague	28	82	s
Chicago*	24	75	c	Reykjavik	8	46	c
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cologne	22	72	r	Rio de J	23	73	r
C'phagn	22	72	r	Riyadh	41	106	s
Corfu	36	97	s	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	16	61	r	Salzburg	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	S F'rancо*	25	77	s
Faro	26	79	s	S Paulo*	18	64	c
Florence	33	91	s	Seoul	25	77	c
Frankfurt	28	82	f	Sing'por	33	91	t
Funchal	23	73	r	St'kholm	21	70	r
Geneva	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Gibraltar	26	79	s	Sydney	15	59	s
Helsinki	20	68	s	Tangier	30	86	s
Hong K	32	90	r	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Innsbrck	28	82	s	Tenerife	22	72	r
Istanbul	29	84	s	Tokyo	20	68	r
Jeddah	36	97	s	Toronto*	27	81	r
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Tunis	36	97	s
Karachi	33	91	c	Valencia	29	84	s
L Palmas	21	70	c	Vanc'ver*	20	68	s
Le Touq	19	66	r	Venice	31	88	s
Lisbon	27	81	s	Vienna	30	86	s
Locarno	28	82	s	Warsaw	27	81	c
L Angls*	34	75	c	Wash'tonn*	34	93	r
Luxembg	21	70	r	Wellington	11	52	c
Luxor	41	106	s	Zurich	26	79	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F). min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F) Humidity: 6pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,015.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Strathclyde, 0.75in; highest sunshine: Ryde, Isle of Wight, 11.3hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.3hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.27in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.6hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.3	-	17	63	bright
Anglesey	9.9	0.04	18	64	shower
Aviemore	2.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Belfast	2.0	0.14	16	61	shower
Birmingham	4.3	0.12	19	66	shower
Bournemouth	8.3	-	19	66	bright
Bristol	5.5	0.06	19	66	sunny
Buxton	4.4	0.26	18	64	sunny
Cardiff	5.6	0.15	19	66	rain
Clacton	9.3	-	22	72	sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.4	0.04	19	66	sunny
Cromer	5.1	-	24	75	bright
Eastbourne	9.1	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	4.0	-	20	68	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.2	0.14	16	61	rain
Exmouth	4.5	0.04	19	66	cloudy
Falmouth	8.5	0.13	19	66	shower
Folkestone	10.9	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	3.3	0.35	17	63	shower
Guernsey	9.2	-	21	70	bright
Hastings	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Isle of Man	9.1	0.17	17	63	rain
Jersey	6.5	0.01	20	68	bright
Kinloss	1.0	0.02	20	68	bright
Leeds	5.0	0.12	20	68	shower
Lerwick	7.3	0.03	15	59	bright
Littlehampton	8.1	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	6.5	0.11	19	66	sunny
London	7.2	-	21	70	bright
Lowestoft	7.9	-	21	70	bright
Manchester	4.6	0.23	20	68	rain
Margate	10.1	-	24	75	sunny
Minehead	x	0.02	21	70	bright
Morecambe	6.1	0.09	18	64	rain
Newcastle	4.5	-	20	68	sunny
Nottingham	2.6	0.14	19	66	shower
Penzance	9.2	0.10	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	7.3	0.08	18	64	sunny
Salcombe	8.8	0.08	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	7.2	0.11	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	2.8	0.13	19	66	thunder
Scilly Isles	9.2	0.06	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	8.6	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	9.2	-	22	72	sunny
Southsea	8.9	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	2.2	0.34	16	61	rain
Swanage	8.6	-	18	64	shower
Teignmouth	8.7	0.12	20	68	bright
Tenby	9.6	0.34	x	x	sunny
Tiree	3.9	0.45	15	59	rain
Torquay	6.6	0.07	20	68	bright
Weymouth	7.5	0.02	18	64	sunny
Wick	7.4	0.01	15	59	rain

These are Monday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.06
Austria Sch	19.10	17.60
Belgium Fr	57.80	53.50
Canada $	2.048	1.883
Denmark Kr	10.85	10.05
Finland Mrk	9.37	8.57
France Fr	9.43	8.73
Germany Dm	2.71	2.50
Greece Dr	372.00	347.00
Hong Kong $	12.25	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.033
Italy Lire	2490.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	174.00	154.00
Netherlands Gld	3.045	2.815
Norway Kr	11.64	10.84
Portugal Esc	274.50	255.50
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	218.00	204.00
Sweden Kr	12.62	11.62
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	17600.00	16600.00
USA $	1.595	1.485

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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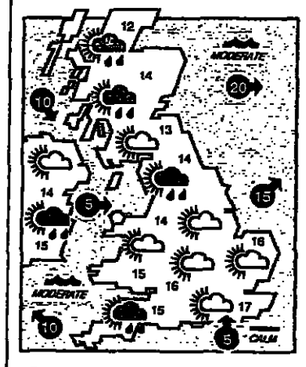

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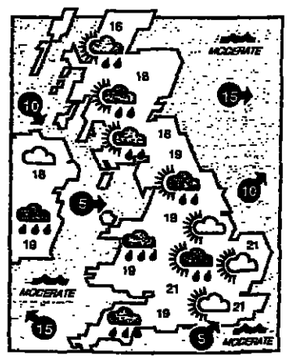

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.14 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 5.10 am
Edinburgh 8.44 pm to 4.53 am
Manchester 9.30 pm to 4.59 am
Penzance 9.30 pm to 5.25 am

Sun rises: 5.28 am
Sun sets: 8.44 pm
Moon sets 4.44 am
Moon rises 9.00 pm

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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	18	64	f
B'rmgham	19	66	f	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	15	59	r	Jersey	19	66	f
Bristol	18	64	f	London	20	68	c
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'chester	15	59	c
Edinburgh	16	61	r	Newcastle	17	63	r
Glasgow	15	59	r	N'ridsway	16	61	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3 54	7.0	4.04	7.0	Liverpool	0 00	9.4	1.21	9.0
Aberdeen	2.57	4.2	3.33	4.0	Lowestoft	11.18	2.5	—	—
Avonmouth	9.20	12.7	9.36	13.0	Margate	2.06	4.5	2.03	4.6
Belfast	12.46	3.5	1.10	3.2	Milford Haven	8.13	8.6	8.30	6.9
Cardiff	9 05	11.8	9.21	12.0	Newquay	7 03	6.8	7.20	6.9
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	12.54	6.3	1.07	6.6	Penzance	6 43	5.2	6.55	5.4
Falmouth	7 15	4.9	7.26	5.1	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	2.50	4.8	3.12	4.5	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	1 46	3.9	1.58	4.0	Shoreham	12.53	6.0	1.21	6.0
Holyhead	12.01	5.6	12.26	5.2	Southampton	12.34	4.3	1.06	4.4
Hull	8 12	7.4	8.44	7.0	Swansea	8 21	9.2	8.37	9.4
Ilfracombe	7 59	8.7	8 17	9.0	Tees	5.30	5.4	5.59	5.1
King's Lynn	8 20	6.6	8.57	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	1.39	4.1	1.48	4.1
Leith	4 28	5.4	4 59	5.3					

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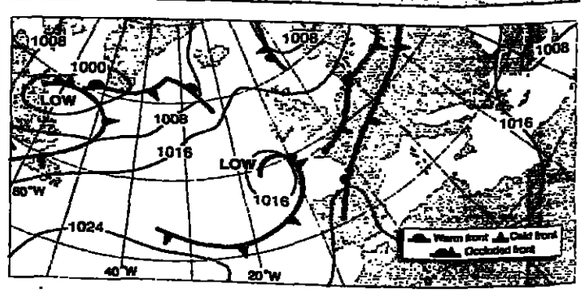

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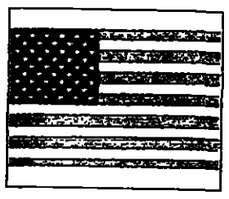

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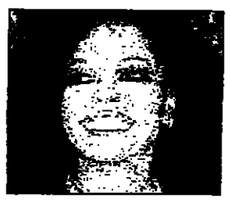

The huge Motown record catalogue including Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder goes to Polygram
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5045 (+0.0228)
German mark.. 2.5647 (+0.0107)
Exchange index ..... 81.8 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2945.0 (+3.3)
Dow Jones .... 3559.31 (-1.68)*
Nikkei Avge 20357.64 (+14.11)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank.... 5 13/16-5 5/8%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.07-3.06%*
Long Bond 6.52%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5050*	£:$ 1.5015
$:DM ..1.7033*	£:DM 2.5624
$:SWfr.1.5020*	£:SWfr...2.2561
$:Ffr ...5.9463*	£:Ffr 8.9300
$:Yen .104.40*	£:Yen ...156.91
£:SDR ..1.0670	£:ECU ..1.3318

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($).
AM 404.95 ..... PM 403.75
Close 403.00-403.50
New York:
Comex 402.95-403.45*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Strong money figures give Chancellor a breathing space

Pressure for UK rate cut eases

By Colin Narbrough

THE increasing vigour of Britain's economic recovery has been highlighted by stronger than expected money figures for July, which should allow Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to withhold an early cut in interest rates.

With no signs of deep cuts in interest rates by Britain's main European competitors, despite the scope for reductions created by the effective suspension of the exchange-rate mechanism, Mr Clarke is unlikely to come under pressure to match continental rate moves to keep the pound's competitive edge for exporters.

The pound strengthened after release of the latest economic data. Long gilts rose sharply.

The provisional money supply figures showed M0, the narrow money supply measure composed mainly of bank notes and coins, rising a seasonally adjusted 1.5 per cent in July, after an increase of only 0.3 per cent in June. This lifted the annual growth rate to 4.8 per cent from 4.4 per cent. Market forecasts for July had centred on 4.4 per cent. The official monitoring range is between zero and 4 per cent.

City economists saw the M0 number as confirmation of a sharp pick-up in retail sales last month, another pointer to returning confidence expected to reinforce the upturn. But the latest survey from the Confederation of British Industry indicated that retail sales expectations had slipped back in July, the trade's expectations remain high.

Although Mr Clarke is unlikely to be too concerned by M0 overshooting, the Treasury could use it as a further reason to hold back the next cut in base rate until the autumn, Michael Burke, an economist at Citibank, said. With the recovery clearly underway, Mr Clarke could argue that it would be imprudent to make rate cuts too soon, he said.

Robert Lind, economist at UBS, saw the money data giving more support to the Treasury's view that there is no need to stimulate demand further. He said rate cuts were more likely to be driven by the need to maintain export competitiveness than by domestic economic conditions. Mr Lind expects further rates cuts in October and November, around the time of the Conservative party conference and the Budget.

Mr Burke observed that the Chancellor was in the fortunate position of having the option of when to cut rates, rather than being driven into reductions by market pressure. With little evidence of inflationary pressure building, Mr Clarke is free to cut, but he is also free to choose his moment.

The British Bankers' Association reported a seasonally adjusted rise in bank lending of £4.34 billion in the second quarter after an exceptionally small increase of £227 million in the first. But Lord Inchyra, the association's director general, commented: "The slight upturn in lending which is perceptible in the monthly figures is undoubtedly exaggerated by this quarterly series, with the second quarter containing the April rebound from March's unusually large repayment of borrowing".

The major banks made gross mortgage loans of £5.07 billion in the second quarter, up from £4.14 billion in the first, but the association said the 19 per cent year-on-year increase last quarter, while good for the banks, was achieved in a market showing little growth.

Other figures showed that Britain's official reserves of gold and foreign currency rose by an underlying $395 million last month, boosted by a $213 million inflow from the privatisation sale of BT shares.

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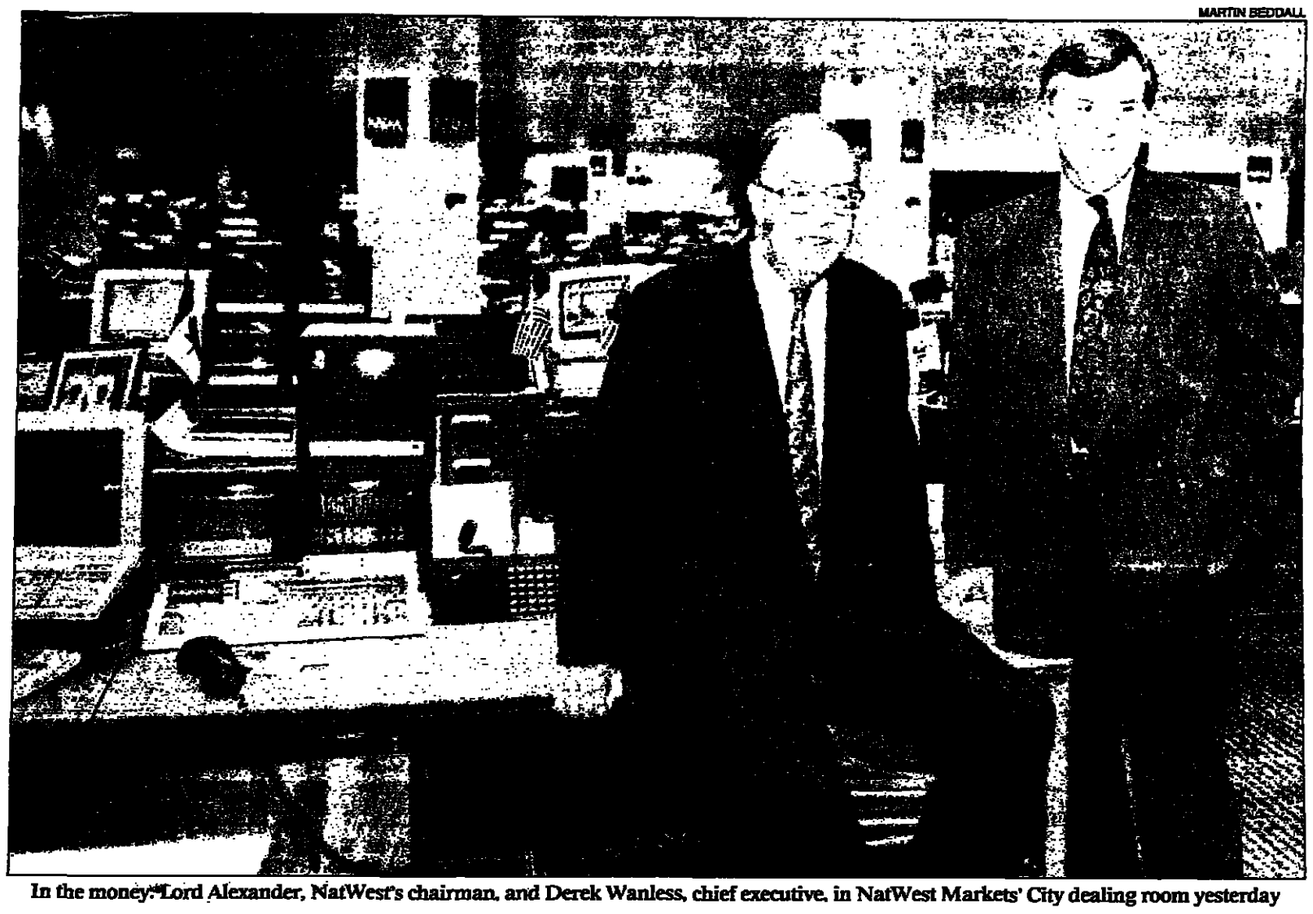

In the money: Lord Alexander, NatWest's chairman, and Derek Wanless, chief executive, in NatWest Markets' City dealing room yesterday

Banks point to real winners in forex upheaval

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

AS CALM returned to currency markets in the City yesterday, National Westminster Bank reported a 79 per cent leap in profits to £253 million by NatWest Markets, which includes the bank's treasury operations.

Derek Wanless, the bank's chief executive, moved to dispel the popular myth that banks are making most money out of recent volatility in foreign exchange markets. He said: "In a time of currency volatility ... clearly volumes are higher. Customers are seeking to minimise their own risks, particularly as there tend to be wider spreads in times of volatility."

Mr Wanless said that NatWest's operations were "essentially customer driven — the purpose is to do business for our customers". The bank's own treasury book was "dictated by prudential guidelines" and regulatory requirements laid down by the Bank of England, and limited by a bank's appetite for risk, he said. NatWest's positions were modest, he added.

Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Global Markets, said that — unlike with Black Wednesday, last September, when sterling left the exchange-rate mechanism and big private funds and rich individuals were the main beneficiaries — the profit-makers in this summer's upheavals had been pension funds and industrial companies around the world. Those selling French francs at 3.4180 to the mark, the rate offered by the Banque de France on Friday, and buying back their francs on Monday at the low of 3.53 to the mark would have made a 3.3 per cent return.

Intervention by European central banks on Friday is estimated at £31 billion. Trade is thought to have been far above the $880 billion average daily worldwide. Some 95 per cent of banks' trading is for clients; commission is of the order of a tenth of 1 per cent, big sums in high turnover.

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Sterling advances as calm returns

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

STERLING, buoyed by strong money supply figures and therefore fading hopes of a near-term base rate cut, rallied strongly while weaker European currencies lifted a little off their Monday lows as calm conditions returned to European foreign exchanges.

The pound moved higher against the dollar, which continues to suffer from the disappointing sluggishness of US growth, and against the mark, which was softer after soaring on Monday. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed at 81.8 compared with its Monday close of 81.4. It rallied more than 2 cents against the dollar, which closed at $1.5045 to the pound, and gained a pfennig to close at DM2.5647.

Dealers said sterling was bought on the assumption that 4.8 per cent annual growth in the narrow M0 measure of money supply in July would make it more difficult to justify a near-term cut in base rates.

Although it is not certain how good a guide to retail sales M0 represents, the measure is clearly growing above the limit of the government's 0-4 per cent target range. In continental Europe, there were no interest rate cuts from countries such as France and Denmark, even though their currencies are now virtually in free float, giving an opportunity to cut rates. Far from lowering rates, the Danish central bank offered liquidity to the money markets at 25 per cent, extremely damaging to the bond market.

However, the Bundesbank announced a largely technical 15 basis point drop in its repurchase rate to 6.8 per cent, a move largely ignored in the markets. In addition, Spain cut its regular repo tender rate to 10.5 per cent from 11 per cent and the Dutch central bank cut its advances rate to 6.5 per cent from 6.6 per cent.

The peseta rallied on hopes that lower rates will help the economy to recover, proving that exchange-rate mechanism currencies such as the franc will not recover much ground until there are economy-saving rate cuts.

The franc rallied to 3.4835 to the mark from its Monday lows of 3.55 but remained well below its old ERM floor.

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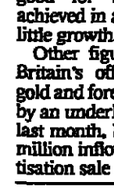
Hunting the social spending monster



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Anyone who wishes to cut spending on social security first needs to address the question: why were there 1.6 million registered unemployed people at the height of the last, unsustainable boom? The build-up of that huge core, something like 1.3 million more than at the same point in the cycle a generation ago, entirely explains why the budget deficit, natural and healthy during a recession, has instead become a monster so threatening that it needs to be slain.

The government's best thinking, expressed in its latest post-Copenhagen offensive in the European Community, is that labour regulations, trade restrictions and tax imposts are artificially limiting economic growth in general and the demand for labour in particular. There is much in this. Core unemployment has been rising nearly as fast in most leading Western European countries as in Britain, multiplying 2.5 times from 1973 to the top of the last boom.

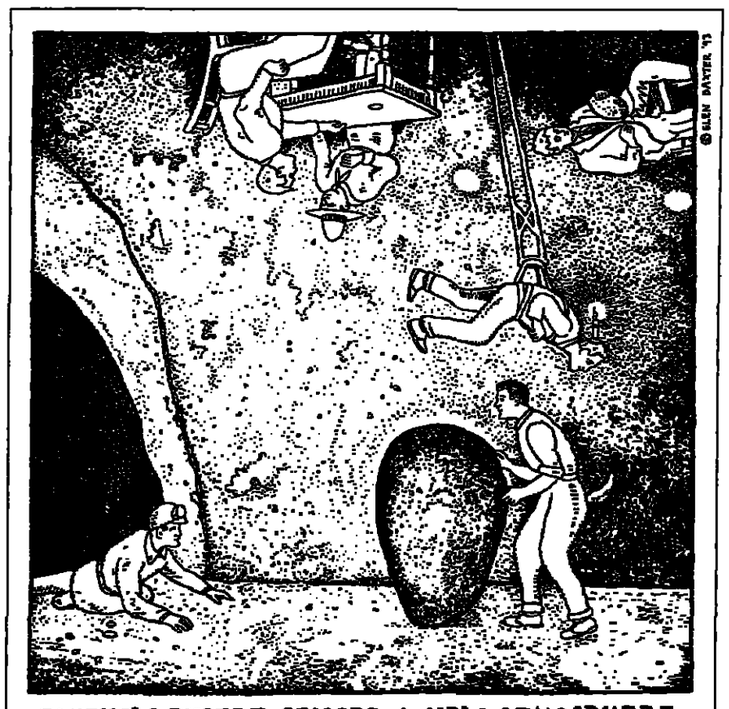
Leaving economic growth to one side, commonsense argues that higher non-wage costs of labour are bound to favour substition by machine, computer and any other factor of production, even if business is not lost altogether. That applies even more to social security charges than to costly employment rights and restrictions. Employment taxes should be shifted so that they do not give employers so strong an economic signal to cut jobs. Eurosclerosis is, however, far from being the whole story. Over the cycles, employment has been rising along with unemployment. In Britain, jobs were being created faster than anywhere in Europe during the Eighties boom.

The supply of labour has, however, been rising faster and would get another big boost if average retirement ages were lifted. The rise in supply has largely been due to more women taking paid work. Unfortunately, many of the new jobs do not pay enough to support a family regardless of whether they filled by men or women. Such social changes have made out of date the social security systems designed round the nuclear family, with husband, non-employed wife and 2.4 children, which had been the basic efficient family unit since the industrial revolution. Cost-cutting social security reformers such as the authors of the Conservative No Turning Back group proposals, need to ask how much the social security system has itself changed the way the economy works and increased reliance on public spending.

In this quest, three elements are irrelevant. First, poor people will be just as poor whatever the name or extent of the support the state thinks they should have. Second, systems need to guard against the corrupt minority who will always try to milk social security, evade taxes or fiddle expenses claims. Third, making transfer payments such as universal basic state pensions and child benefit through the tax system does not really impose an extra burden — provided they are means-tested by taxation and administered efficiently, which is where the private sector might come in.

There are more insidious trends. Social security and public services have encouraged uneconomic family units that need support from public spending. Ever more of us live in single-adult households. That is fine if there is plenty of money around but not if anything goes wrong, as sadly demonstrated this week by the conviction of a working single mother who left her toddler alone all day because her job would not meet private childcare fees. It is equally true for teenagers or for old people, one of the heavy costs of the much earlier breakdown of extended families for the sake of labour mobility. The luxury of independence and escaping family tensions is coming through in booming public spending.

Many employers are also increasingly relying on the state to subsidise wages that cannot sustain a nuclear family, in part as a result of legislation and restrictive union deals. Current thinking favours a slim core permanent labour force, subcontracting functions to smaller firms relying on cheap labour, and on converting full-time to part-time jobs in order to tailor labour costs more closely with need. That fits in with market forces only because these are distorted by taxpayers sorting out the mess.



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National Savings raises rate for big savers

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

NATIONAL Savings yesterday set itself up in competition with building societies for the funds of larger savers. It is to pay an extra 0.25 per cent gross on balances of £25,000 or more in an income bond or investment account.

For the first time, National Savings has introduced tiered interest rates for savers with larger balances on these two accounts. Most building societies already use tiered rates to pull in larger savers. The move comes at a sensitive time for building societies. Expected cuts in base rates, after the recent troubles of the exchange-rate mechanism, will put pressure on them to cut mortgage rates but if they pass on the full benefit of any rate cut to borrowers, they risk losing savers.

Last year, building societies threatened to put up mortgage rates after National Savings directly targeted traditional building society savers with the the First Option bond. This also had a tiered structure, offering an extra 0.4 per cent gross on investments of £20,000 or more.

David Butler, director of National Savings, said the tiered rates on the income bond and investment account were to encourage "higher average holdings and therefore improve the cost-effectiveness of National Savings' contribution to government funding".

The 94,000 savers with £25,000 or more in the income bond will now earn 7.25 per cent gross, up from 7 per cent. This will increase the present monthly income of someone with a £25,000 investment from £146 to £151, giving them a new annual income of £1,812. The income bond is aimed at those looking for a regular monthly income, the very people also being targeted by building societies. Of the £9.8 billion invested in income bonds, £3.2 billion is held by savers with more than £25,000 invested.

The 31,000 holders of investment accounts with more than £25,000 will get 6.5 per cent gross instead of 6.25 per cent. Investment account holders get interest added to their savings annually. Of the £8.9 billion invested, £1.4 billion, or 15 per cent is invested in accounts holding more than £25,000.

National Savings said the introduction of tiered savings would create a "level playing field" between it and other savings organisations.

Building societies admitted that National Savings' move would introduce further competition into an already cutthroat savers market. However, David Gilchrist, general manager of the Halifax, said that societies like his own with strong retail deposits should be able to fight off competitors.

Butler: cost effective

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Allied pays Bass £40m for off-licence chain

BASS has confirmed the sale of its Augustus Barnett off-licence chain to Allied-Lyons, for £40 million. The deal was forecast by both companies last week after details apparently leaked into the market. The sale leaves just the Coral betting shop chain within Bass as a non-core business expected to be sold in due course. Bass put it on the market a few years ago but, unhappy with the amounts offered by potential buyers, withdrew it from sale.

More recently, market rumours suggested that Coral is again being prepared for sale. Interest in betting shops has been stimulated by the £360 million consortium bid for Brent Walker's William Hill concern. A Bass spokesman, however, would only say that Coral was not seen as a strategic element of the business. Bass will now concentrate on three areas, brewing and soft drinks production, Holiday Inn hotels and leisure retailing — including public houses, bingo and ten-pin bowling. Tempus, page 25

QMH calls meeting

SHAREHOLDERS in Queens Moat Houses, the troubled hotels business, will have the opportunity to put their case to the new management on August 26, when the company's annual meeting has been called. But with no accounts for 1992 yet prepared the meeting will have to be adjourned almost immediately. Andrew Coppel, the new chief executive, will have to ask shareholders for an amendment to the company's borrowing powers to allow it to continue.

Pacer goes into red

PACER Systems, the electronics group traded in the USM, had interim pre-tax losses of $235,000 in the half year to end-June, against a profit of $320,000 in the same period last year. The order book at June 30 was $74 million, 35 per cent up on last year, largely because of a $32.5 million US Navy contract. The interim dividend is 0.03 cents (same). The order increase resulted largely from a $32.5 million US Navy contract — the largest in Pacer Systems' history.

Ossory sells subsidiaries

OSSORY Estates, the troubled property group talking with its bankers about a financial reconstruction, announced the sale of two subsidiaries for £194,000 to John Walker, the former chairman, in settlement of any claim he might have had against it. In April, he was reported to be suing the company after payment of his salary was suspended. Mr Walker was replaced as chairman in September and the board gave him notice last December.

Yorkshire Chemicals up

YORKSHIRE Chemicals plans to spend between £14 million and £16 million this year on further plant extension and product developments, Phillip Lowe, the chairman, said. The group achieved a 15 per cent rise in sales to £55.6 million and a 17 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £6.02 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises from an adjusted 2.43p to 2.6p. In March, the group raised £24.3 million via a one-for-five rights issue at 330p.

CE Heath reduces stake

CE HEATH, the listed insurance broker, has strengthened its balance sheet by disposing of a further chunk of its holding in CE Heath International Holdings, the Australian insurance company, for £21 million. The sale of 32.4 million shares at A$1.4 a share reduces the broker's holding in HIH from 44.5 to 25 per cent. Of the net proceeds, £11 million will repay debt, reducing gross borrowings to £20 million and lowering gearing to between 20 and 25 per cent.

Trinity adds to papers

TRINITY International Holdings, publisher of the *Liverpool Daily Post* and *Echo*, has made a recommended £12.6 million cash offer for Joseph Woodhead and Sons, which publishes and prints the *Huddersfield Daily Examiner*. The deal is subject to government approval. Trinity, a fortnight ago, agreed to buy 26 newspapers from Argus Press for £23 million. If both deals are completed, Trinity will be the sixth-biggest regional UK newspaper publisher.

Bear Stearns record

NET profits of Bear Stearns, the Wall Street investment bank, jumped 23 per cent to a record $362.4 million on income of $2.16 billion for the year ending June 30. Its fourth quarter was a record with net profits up 58 per cent. Income from investment banking rose 51 per cent and from commissions by 31 per cent. Alan Greenberg, chairman, said he was confident the company could set new records.

BCCI branch sold

A BOMBAY court approved the sale to the State Bank of India of the Bombay branch of the Bank of Credit & Commerce International, accused internationally of bank fraud. Mr Justice Jhunjhunuwala said all depositors would get their money back. The branch went into liquidation in 1991 with assets of 5.25 billion rupees (£114 million), deposits of 3.81 billion rupees and lending of 1.84 billion rupees.

CBI calls for shake-up in way growing firms are financed

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BUSINESS leaders yesterday called for a fundamental rethink of the way growing businesses are financed in Britain, and sought talks with the government and the banks to allay any short-term funding problems that could hamper recovery.

While the Confederation of British Industry recognised that lack of demand remains a greater constraint on business output than lack of available finance, it said that small firms, banks and government all needed to make changes if the potential of smaller firms was to be fully exploited.

In a report of a working group set up by the CBI last year on financing of small and medium enterprises, the confederation said that such companies make a major contribution to the economy and it was vital that their potential for growth should not be held back. Howard Davies, CBI director-general, said: "Five per cent of new companies generate half the jobs created by business start-ups. Those companies need finance in a form which will allow them to grow. There is evidence that they do not always find it today."

Culture shock: Richard Brucciani wants to end the mismatch between funds available and those needed

Noting concern that "there may be short-term funding difficulties as businesses seek to meet increased demand as the UK emerges from recession", the CBI said that the banks, the Bank of England, the trade department and business organisations should hold talks to try to avoid potential funding problems.

The banks could identify their business customers with most growth potential and target support accordingly. The CBI accepted that banks were likely to be more cautious about lending to small businesses because of the significant losses they had sustained from lending in this area in the recession, and that falling property values had reduced the collateral available to small firms to secure loans. Accordingly, it said that addressing the "management deficiencies" of small companies, especially with regard to financial management, arguably ought to take precedence over attempts to restructure financial provision.

Among the CBI's proposals were a smaller companies' investment network, to replace the Business Expansion Scheme, which would allow tax relief for investors wishing to back local businesses and establishment of a network of smaller companies' investment brokers, which would match investors with opportunities and allow investors to put money into a general investment fund to provide a pool of investment capital.

Calling for a shift in the balance between short and long-term debt and between debt and equity, Richard Brucciani, chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council, said: "We need a change in culture in the financing of smaller firms. There is a substantial mismatch between the funds available and those needed by a growing business."

Jobs gloom forecast in building industry

By our Industrial Editor

THE loss of up to 110,000 jobs in the construction industry is forecast today by surveyors, who say that previous hopes of a recovery in the industry were premature.

The gloomy predictions in the latest industrial survey from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors are in line with the generally negative picture of the industry painted by a number of large construction companies.

However, anecdotal evidence from small firms suggests that work is picking up — although at price levels that larger companies are unable to meet — indicating that such surveys as those from the RICS may take time before they show any improvement in the industry's overall economic performance.

Indeed, Amec, the construction company, has given a warning that the RICS survey does not give a complete impression of the whole of the sector, where there were some positive signs.

While broadly agreeing with the RICS findings for the building market, Sir Alan Cockshaw, the chairman of Amec, said that the current levels of activity in such areas as offshore oil and gas and road construction and road widening were "an important counter-balance to the building industry's current gloomy prospects".

But the RICS, whose surveyor members believe their work in assessing proposed building projects allows them to detect early any signs of revived activity in the construction industry, says that the prospects do remain poor.

Christopher Vickers, for the RICS, said: "There is little hope of a recovery in the construction industry this year. It appears earlier hopes that a recovery was under way were premature."

Workload fell 1.5 per cent in the second quarter of the year — a steeper drop than the 0.7 per cent fall in the first three months of 1993. Over the past year, business was down 10 per cent.

Regionally, there were significant workload declines in the Midlands, East Anglia and Scotland. Smaller falls were evident in Wales and south-east and south-west England, with slim increases in the north of England and Northern Ireland.

Using calculations based on these figures, RICS research forecasts a further loss of more than 110,000 jobs before an upturn in employment in 1995, in addition to the half a million jobs estimated to have been lost in the industry in the recession.

National Power bond issue attracts £250m

By Sarah Bagnall

NATIONAL Power is gearing up for another government debt auction with a £250 million convertible bond issue.

Brian Birkenhead, finance director, said the electricity generator had £350 million of government debt, left over from privatisation. Last year, when the government invited National Power, PowerGen and the privatised electricity companies to bid for their debt, National Power failed to get its bid accepted.

Mr Birkenhead said: "It is obvious that the debt auctions will come round again and one possibility is that we use the proceeds to fund the repurchase of our debt." Alternatively the group may plough the funds into overseas investments.

National Power has said it will invest £1 billion in power generation equity stakes over the next seven years. The programme started last year with the $160 million purchase of a Texas generator. A further £100 million is earmarked for the recently agreed acquisition of 45 per cent of a Portuguese power station and a holding in a Pakistan plant.

The convertible, which has a 15-year maturity, offers investors a 6.25 per cent annual coupon. As a result of strong demand, the issue size was raised from £225 million to £250 million, the maximum allowed without triggering shareholder pre-emption rights. The bonds are convertible into National Power ordinary shares at 433p a share, a 19 per cent premium to the current share price.

Sherwood Computer profits hit

By Our City Staff

SHARES in Sherwood Computer Services lost nearly a third of their value yesterday on the news that difficulties in the Lloyd's of London insurance market had hit interim profits.

The shares fell 63p to 145p on the announcement that profits for the six months to end June will be "substantially" below last year's £1.7 million.

Richard Guy, chairman, said profits had suffered primarily as a result of reorganisations of Lloyd's agencies and the demise of several Lloyd's syndicates. Sherwood is a major supplier of computer software packages to Lloyd's with about 35 per cent of the market.

US reviews foreign airline investment

From Philip Robinson in New York

INVESTMENT by foreign airlines to give them significant voting stakes in US carriers is likely to be limited to those from countries that offer equal access to the American operators.

In its final draft report, President Clinton's commission on the US aviation industry has recommended that voting stake limits rise from 25 to 50 per cent but only for private sector airlines and for those whose countries provide liberal bilateral agreements.

The UK is singled out in the final draft, due before Mr Clinton in two weeks, as one of America's key bilateral partners which has been unwilling to accept less restrictive, more competitive agreements. The commission says: "These [restrictive] actions suspend growth in international markets and in some cases threaten existing service levels on which US passengers and shippers have come to rely."

The report comes on the heels of an escalation in the transatlantic war between British Airways and American Airlines which has sought US government help in its attempt to get more landing slots at Heathrow. American says it has been given inadequate landing slots for the Philadelphia-Heathrow service.

As part of a move towards global agreements, the commission is also recommending a complete rewrite of the 1,200 bilateral pacts and the appointment of a special ambassador at large.

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Former company name: Action Construction Equipment Sales Limited. Nature of business: Other Services. Trade classification. 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 21st July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: K.D Goodman, FCA and P. Monteck, FCA (office holder nos. 2407 and 2344) of Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 553 50 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF

COMPANIES ACTS 1963 to 1990
In the matter of THE NUGENT ESTATES COMPANY (In Members Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 265 and 305 of the Companies Act, 1963, that a General Meeting of the above mentioned Company will be held at Winchester House, Corperation Street, Taunton, Somerset, England, TA1 4AJ on Tuesday 7th day of September 1993, at 2.30 pm for the purpose of having an account laid before it showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company has been disposed of and of hearing any explanation which may be given by the Liquidator and, further, for the purpose of directing, by Special Resolution, the manner in which the books, accounts and papers of the Company and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of.
A member entitled to attend and vote at the above General Meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
Dated this 2nd day of July 1993
Samon Maisel, Liquidator.
The Nugent Estates Company
Winchester House, Corperation Street Taunton TA1 4AJ England

No 006280 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of MACANDREWS & CO LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 13th July 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £4,042,105 to £1,500,000 by transferring to its sole shareholder an impairment amounting in value to the amount of capital proposed to be cancelled and representing paid up capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Justice Lindsay at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 18th day of August 1993
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated the 30th day of July 1993
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
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London EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above named Company (Ref 45)

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Gay Curtis Sportswear Limited
Registered number. 484660
Trading name: Gay Curtis Sportswear Limited Nature of business: Ladies clothing distributors. Trade classification 13. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 26 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and G S Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8298). Address: Stop Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
I. C. (Clothes) Limited
Registered number 382067
Trading name: I. C. (Clothes) Limited Nature of business: Textiles & Clothing Manufacture Trade classification. 08 Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 26 July 1993 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and G S Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8298) Address: Stop Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA

Rule 4.106 of
The Insolvency Act 1986.
Mark Abrahams Securities Ltd
Masons Bathrooms Limited
Abraced Systems Limited
Mark Abrahams Sports Ltd
(ALL IN LIQUIDATION)
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of the above companies by a resolution at the meeting of creditors held on 29th July 1993.
DATED this 29 day of July 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
MILTON CERAMICS LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric J Stonham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Bertan House, Elmbridge Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 29 July 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date 29 July 1993
E J Stonham, Liquidator

Trigger Happy Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Sherwick House, 7 Merrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 17th August 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes prescribed for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham, Crossley & Davis, 7 Merrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 30th July 1993
M Lipscombe, Director

EBRD acclaims Baltic state's reforms

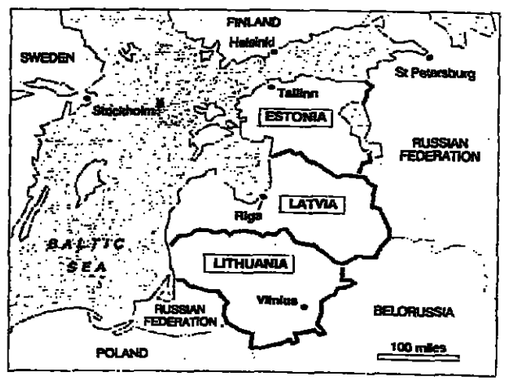
Estonia makes its mark with the kroon

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

THE glaring inability of most West European governments to maintain currency stability over the past year is probably a source of mild amusement in Estonia, the former Soviet Baltic republic that has successfully kept its currency, the kroon, firmly pegged to the mark since June 1992.

While intense market pressure on the currencies of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) has brought about the effective suspension of the system, the Estonian central bank has held the kroon rock-steady at eight to the mark since switching from the rouble to its own currency.

The latest economic review from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) acclaims the introduction of the kroon as a success that provides a "firm foundation for the maintenance of macro-economic stability". The report, which gives a review of the EBRD's target economies in the former Soviet bloc, says that after three years of sharp economic contraction, Estonia is now seeing some evidence of economic recovery.



The EBRD points out that Estonia has been quick to reform its currency, introduce price reform and begin re-establishing a tax system after declaring domestic sovereignty in 1988. Nationalising the regional branches of former Soviet banks, and the recreation of an Estonian central bank, were among the first steps taken.

The most important steps, the EBRD says, have been the establishment of a two-tier banking system, in which the central bank limits itself to standard central banking functions, the launch of the kroon, the creation of a supervisory and regulatory framework for the banking sector, and reforms to accommodate last year's banking crisis.

The key to keeping the currency firm in these turbulent times is the legal requirement that the central bank backs all kroons issued with gold or foreign currency reserves. As the EBRD says: "The fact that the Bank of Estonia can, in principle, redeem every kroon in hard currency at the fixed rate has virtually removed the likelihood, at least for the foreseeable future, of a speculative run on the kroon".

The report says the first year's experience of the reserve currency board, has been "extremely favourable", with convertibility extended to trading in Finland and Sweden. Foreign exchange reserves have increased from $100 million when the kroon was introduced to $260 million.

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Supreme star: Diana Ross is still going strong

Polygram buys Motown label

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

MOTOWN, the sound of the Motor City and launchpad for a million teenage parties, is the latest independent record label to be swallowed up by Polygram, a music industry giant 80 per cent owned by Philips, the Dutch electronics company.

The days when Motown could draw on the likes of Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, the Supremes and the Jackson Five are long gone. The only two performers recognisable to a thirty-something audience are probably Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder.

Polygram is paying $301 million for Motown, the former Tamla Motown label brought to prominence in Detroit in the late 1950s and early 1960s by Berry Gordy and his family. One attraction is a 30,000-album back catalogue, which reads like a history of black American pop music.

The deal will see Philips, which floated off Polygram in 1989 on the Amsterdam and New York exchanges, lightening its holding in Polygram. The purchase is part-funded by the issue of 10 million new Polygram shares, worth just short of £200 million at today's values, in the autumn, and the Dutch company's stake will fall to 75 per cent.

Polygram has for much of the 1990s handled distribution for Motown, which in 1988 was bought from Mr Gordy by Boston Ventures, a private investment partnership specialising in the media and communications industries, and MCA, the American entertainments combine.

In recent years, Polygram has bought formerly independent labels such as Island and A&M. The company yesterday showed the fruits of this expansion with a 19 per cent rise in net income to 204 million guilders (£71 million) in the first half to end-June.

Alain Levy, the president and chief executive, said despite unfavourable exchange rates, the company was less affected by recession on the Continent than expected thanks to rising market share.

The label's share of the US market fell, but the Motown acquisition would help this to be won back in the second half, he added.

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Wonder: long player

Bank lifts dividend and cuts bad debt provisions

NatWest profit almost doubles

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
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NATIONAL Westminster Bank almost doubled pre-tax profits in the first half of the year to £421 million, in spite of £159 million provisions for the closure and sale of retail banking operations in France and Australia.

There was also an encouraging fall in the bank's bad debt provisions, reduced from £828 million to £641 million.

In a move that surprised some observers, NatWest increased its interim dividend by 4.5 per cent, to 6.4p. Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman, said: "We wish to resume a pattern of paying a real increase of dividend to our shareholders in such a way as we can sustain it on a regular basis." Last year's total dividend was frozen at 17.5p. Lord Alexander said that effects of the recession were still apparent in the figures, but he added: "For the first time in three years, it is possible to say that the economic background is improving, albeit patchily and modestly."

Lord Alexander said that he did not favour a further cut in interest rates to stimulate economic growth. The government should take the opportunity to assess the impact of recent developments in European exchange rates and financial markets first, he said.

The best performance came from NatWest Markets, which was created in January from the bank's existing trading, investment and corporate banking activities. NatWest Markets increased its profits by 79 per cent to £253 million. Derek Wanless, chief executive, said that the increase reflected "the trading environment which has prevailed so far this year", but added that the bank could not be sure how long these conditions would continue.

■ NatWest has urged the government not to cut interest rates until the full impact of developments in the European monetary system can be properly assessed

Mr Wanless declined to dislose how much of the profit came from currency trading, but said that the Treasury operation was "essentially customer driven". NatWest's UK branch business returned to the black with a £69 million profit, against £74 million losses in the first half of 1992. However, the improvement was entirely thanks to a reduction in bad debt provisions from £609 million to £442 million. Mr Wanless said that problem debts were still concentrated at the bottom end of the market, with the greatest signs of improvement coming from medium-sized corporate customers. He said that south-east England remained the worst affected area, producing 55 per cent of UK provisions, but accounting for only 46 per cent of UK lending.

Profit from the UK branch business before bad debts fell by £24 million to £511 million. Mr Wanless said that there was a lack of demand for lending, except in the mortgage business. The UK branch business's loan book fell by £2.1 billion in the first half. The mortgage book rose from £9.8 billion at the end of December to £10.2 billion.

Mr Wanless said that the bank was addresssing the situation in the UK by developing new sources of income.

The bank's total loan book fell by £1.6 billion to £85.77 billion compared with its value at the end of December.

NatWest Bancorp contributed £90 million, compared with £44 million profits in the first half of 1992.

Other international operations made £168 million, up from £100 million, before the £159 million write-off for pulling out of French and Australian retail operations. Mr Wanless said that, in spite of difficulties in the Spanish market, because of recession, the bank had no plans to pull out of retail operations there.

The lack of demand for lending held back growth in net interest income, which grew by £84 million to £1.85 billion. Non-interest income rose by £200 million, and made up 46 per cent of total operating income, against 44 per cent in the same period last year.

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Starmin reveals higher losses

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

STARMIN, the quarries group chaired by Lord Parkinson, the former Conservative minister, yesterday revealed substantially higher losses for the year to December 31, 1992, than it had announced at the time of its unaudited preliminary results in May.

Adjusted pre-tax losses have risen to £11.9 million from the previously stated figure of £8.1 million on turnover down from £20.1 million to £18.7 million. A revaluation of assets resulted in a 0.5p reduction in assets per share to 5.8p.

The revised figures follow a review of the accounting treatment of acquisitions and disposals made by the group since the end of 1990, when it was under the control of Osman and Raschid Abdullah.

The brothers transformed Starmin from an ailing manufacturer of drink dispensing equipment into a profitable building products group through an acquisition spree funded by a series of ever larger rights issues.

Although the share price hit a high of 22p in March 1991, it has fallen steadily since as concerns over the group's acquisition accounting policy have grown. Yesterday, the shares closed at 4¼p.

The announcement in June that the company was postponing the publication of its annual report in order to conduct a review of its accounts prompted the resignation of the brothers. They were replaced at the helm by Lord Parkinson and Owen Rout, the former chairman, now acting chief executive.

The adjustments to the accounts relate mainly to transactions with three companies — Jeniva Landfill in 1992 and Tamar Plant Hire and St Mary's, another hire group, last March. The financial impact of those deals, which involved asset swaps and payments in the form of shares in unlisted companies, has now been significantly reduced.

Profits on asset sales and disposals has been reversed and the value of shareholdings has been written down. Assets in non-core businesses have also been adjusted. The group expects to report a loss at the interim stage.

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Investors offered chance to go for gold in Kazakhstan

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

EVERY mining company prospectus carries a health warning, because nothing is certain once buckets and spades are taken underground to dig for metals.

The placing document for Bakyrchik Gold, which seeks to raise £8.2 million net from London investors and which could call for a further £70 million next year, all of which will be used to develop a gold property in Kazakhstan, thus makes interesting reading.

The mine was discovered in the 1950s and, as the prospectus notes, is a mere 250 kilometres from former nuclear test sites, or as Kevin Foo, Bakyrchik's chief executive, says "in the bullseye of old Russia's nuclear industry".

However, the directors assure would be-investors that "detectable radiation levels are low". The document notes that "telephone communications exist between the mine and all major cities in Kazakhstan ... but cannot, currently, be used for international calls". "Don't worry," Mr Foo says, "We'll drag a satellite in and fix that."

The geology and ore characteristics are complex, and there is a potential headache over arsenic, though a technology developed by Minproc group can come to grips with that, and any arsenic will be put into a stable form.

The prospectus also reveals that Simon Chilewich, 73, whose family of traders has been dealing with the old Russia in general and the Kazakhstan area in particular for more than 50 years, and who was one of the driving forces in bringing the gold property into "Western hands" will be entitled to a $750,000 fee when the second £70 million stage of development is reached.

Bakyrchik Gold, for which Mr Foo offered the translation "panning dish in Turkish", and which has a total resource of 8 million ounces of gold is not, however, without interest.

Shares representing 50 per cent of the company are being placed at 120p to raise £8.2 million net for the first stage of development. In 1994, a decision on a second-stage £70 million development will be taken. In the first stage, the mine, which currently employs 1,000 people, is expected to produce between 35,000 and 40,000 ounces of gold, at a cash cost of less than $150 an ounce. In the second stage, production will rise to 230,000 ounces of gold annually.

The board includes Andrew Buxton and Nicholas Bridgen formerly of RTZ, Peter Hambro, formerly of Mocatta & Goldsmid — all as non-executives — and William Hussey, a former managing director of Ashanti Goldfields (Ghana), as operations director. Trading starts on the London Stock Exchange on Monday.

Break even hope by VW chief

Ferdinand Piëch, management board chairman of Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, sees "good chances" of it breaking even this year, in spite of a 10-12 per cent fall in sales.

His prediction came in an interview in the German newspaper *Handelsblatt* yesterday, the day after Jack Smith, chief executive of General Motors, the world's leading car producer, rejected an appeal from Herr Piëch for face-to-face peace talks in a dispute over allegations of industrial espionage against executives poached from GM.

Unigroup sale

Unigroup is selling 59.7 per cent of Golden Pharos, a door maker in Malaysia, to Antah Holdings for £14.8 million. Antah is to permit Unigroup shareholders to buy the Pharos shares, in proportion to Unigroup stake, at 49.5p.

Green falls

Green Property saw interim pre-tax profits in the half year to end-June fall to Ir£860,000 (Ir£1.01 million), largely due to the timing of asset sales. Its interim payout stays at Ir1.2p.

STOCK MARKET

BT offers bright note in dull trading

BT was the only worthy performer in an otherwise lacklustre equity market, which is starting to show signs of running out of steam having risen 131 points since July 22.

The FT-SE 100 Index traded in limits of less than 11 points, with dealers still pinning their hopes on a collapse in the exchange-rate mechanism, followed by a cut in interest rates. The index closed 3.3 points up at 2,945. Turnover was an impressive 799 million, with the figure swollen by demand for both **BT** ordinary and partly-paid shares. BT, headed by Iain Vallance, finished 6p better at 422½p, with 16 million traded, while the partly paid shares added 5¼p as 20 million changed hands.

Vallance: calling the tune

A number of the big securities houses were reckoned to be chasing the price higher on behalf of clients. NatWest Securities, Smith New Court and Kleinwort Benson were said to have paid particular attention to the partly-paid, which carry a full dividend payment. The shares are expected to go ex-dividend on September 1. Meanwhile, recent support for **Cable and Wireless** showed signs of boiling over, with the price falling 17p to 799p. Last week, there was heavy buying of the shares by Americans on reports that C&W was about to merge with American Telephone & Telegraph. The story was treated sceptically in London.

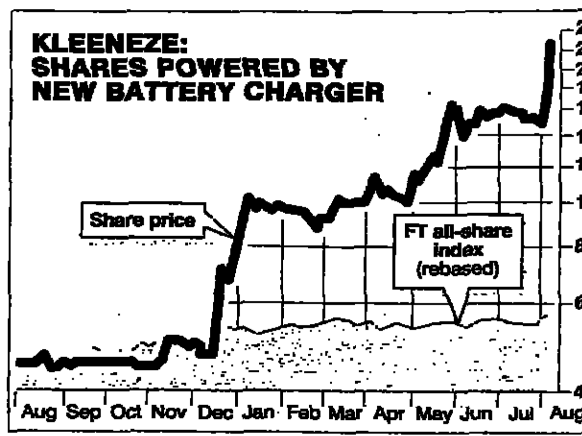
Reuters benefited from the recent increase of activity in the world's financial markets, with a rise of 18p to £14.58.

Dealers are also keeping a close eye on **Zeneca**, which reported last week. Nosey buying lifted the price 6½p to 641½p. Further positive news is expected.

Profit-takers moved in on **National Power**, with the price dipping 11p to 360p as the group announced details of a £225 million convertible subordinated bond due 2008. **PowerGen** also fell 7p to 389p. Traders are hoping this is not a trend that will be repeated by other utilities.

National Westminster rose 10p to 507p after half-year pre-tax profits almost doubled to £421 million. What pleased the market most was the 4.5 per cent rise in the dividend to 6.4p. Most analysts thought the group would hold the dividend.

The rest of the banks continued to attract support as investors pondered the performances of the companies that have reported to date. **Abbey National**, which reported on Monday, climbed 11p to 393p, **Bank of Scotland** 2p to 159p. **Barclays**, reporting tomorrow, 13p to 499p. **HSBC** 14p to 671p, **Lloyds** 5p to 544p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 1p to 293p, while **TSB Group**, on 204p, and **Standard Chartered**, on 850p, were both unchanged.



One of the best rises of the day was seen in **Kleen-e-ze Holdings**, which surged 44p to a new high of 226p after confirming reports that it has developed a battery charger to extend the life of existing ordinary general purpose batteries. The product has been six years in development and will retail through the group's Innovations subsidiary. The group is looking for sales of more than 500,000 next year.

The development could spell bad news for companies such as **Hanson**, which owns Ever Ready batteries. Hanson slipped 1¾p to 236p.

Allied-Lyons firmed 2p to 577p after confirming recent speculation that it intends to acquire the Augustus Barnett chain of off-licences from Bass, 2p easier at 483p, for £40 million. The 550-strong chain will be merged with its existing Victoria Wine chain giving it almost 9 per cent of the take-home market. **Whitbread**, with its 1,600 Threshers outlets, became the biggest off-license chain last year, when it bought Peter Dominic from Grand Metropolitan. Whitbread 'A' slipped 1p to 506p, while **Grand Metropolitan**, was 5p lower at 413p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Issues were dragged higher by the futures market, where dealers reported active trading as investors continued to take a positive view on interest rates. The September series of Long Gilt closed near its best of the day, up £19/32 at £110 13/32, as 46,000 contracts were completed. Impressive gains were also recorded in the cash market as dealers expressed relief that the Bank of England had decided against issuing further taps. **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** climbed £½ to £112⅛, while **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** rose £11/16 to £112⅜.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei up as banks lead way

Tokyo — Japanese shares closed firmer, led by rises in bank shares caused by arbitrage buying on hopes of an interest rate cut. The Nikkei average closed up 14.11, or 0.07 per cent, at 20,357.64 after quiet trading. Many investors kept away before tomorrow's special parliamentary session.

"The market won't really move until the formation of a new cabinet is seen," Shigeru Akiba, of UBS Securities, said. "In addition, the market has discounted the yen's rise [against the dollar], so the yen's strength won't affect it much, either."

Bank shares soared on expectations of a discount rate cut by the new government.

☐ **Sydney** — The Australian share market grudgingly crept to another post 1987-crash high, consolidating after recent strong gains. The all-ordinaries index closed 0.6 points up, at 1,855.4.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices ended sharply higher on buying by US funds. The Straits Times index rose 31.34, to 1,844.58. *(Reuter)*

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WALL STREET

Dow drifts in early trade

New York — US shares, pulling back after Monday's rally and drifting in anticipation of the passage of President Clinton's budget-deficit reduction plan, remained tightly mixed at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.68 at 3559.31.

"The pullback is part of the continuing syndrome of the market struggling at these high levels," George Pirrone, of Dreyfus Corp, said.

Phil Orlando, senior vice-president at First Capital Advisers, said: "We're seeing modest profit-taking at record levels. The market is just drifting, waiting to see what comes out of Washington." *(Reuter)*

	Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close
AMP Inc	64½	64¼
AMR Corp	64½	65
Abbott Labs	24⅞	25
Aetna Life	59⅝	58⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19¼
Air Prod & Chem	40⅝	40⅝
Albertson's	49½	49½
Alcan Aluminium	20⅛	19⅞
Alco Standard	46⅛	46⅛
Allied Signal	71¼	71¼
Alum Co of Am	72⅝	71¼
Amax	25	25⅛
Amerada Hess	50⅜	50⅜
Amer Brands	31¼	32⅛
Amer Cyanamid	51¼	52⅛
Amer El Power	38¼	38½
Amer Express	33½	33
Amer Genl Corp	31	31¼
Amer Home Pr	62⅝	62⅝
Amer Intl	95⅝	94⅝
Amer Stores	43	43½
Amer T & T	63⅝	63⅝
Ameritech	81¼	81½
Amoco	54⅞	54½
Anheuser-Busch	47⅝	47¼
Apple Computer	29	28½
Archer Daniels	23⅛	23⅛
Arkla	9⅝	9⅝
Armco	6⅛	6¼
Armstong Wrld	35¼	35
Asarco	19⅝	19⅝
Ashland Oil	39⅝	29⅝
Atl Richfield	116½	117¼
Auto Data Pro	49¼	49¼
Avery Dennison	28⅛	28⅛
Avon Products	56½	56⅛
Baker Hughes	26⅝	27¼
Baltim Gas & El	26¼	26⅛
Banc One	54¼	54⅛
BankAmerica	44⅛	44
Bank of NY	55⅝	55¼
Bankers Tr NY	77¼	77⅛
Barnett Banks	47¼	47¼
Bausch & Lomb	44¼	44⅛
Baxter Intl	26⅛	26
Bectn Dicksn	35	34¼
Bell Atlantic	58¼	58¼
BellSouth	58⅛	58½
Black & Decker	20⅞	21
Block (H&R)	36⅛	36¼
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	20⅞	20⅞
Borden Inc	15⅞	16
Bristol Myrs Sq	53⅝	53¼
Browning Ferris	23⅝	23⅛
Burlington Nthn	56⅝	56⅞
CBS	245⅝	246
CNA Financial	87½	88¼
CPC Ind	40½	40⅞
CSX	74⅝	75⅝
Campbell Soup	36⅛	35⅝
Can Pacific	15⅝	15⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	502¼	504
Cpd Holdings	43¼	43
Carolina Pwr	33½	33¼
Caterpillar	79	78⅛
Central & SW	32⅞	33⅛
Champion Intl	32⅝	32⅞
Chase Manhat	32⅝	32
Chemical Bk	41½	41
Chevron Corp	87⅛	89⅝
Chrysler	44⅝	44⅛
Chubb Corp	91½	92¼
Cigna Corp	59⅞	59⅝
Citicorp	33⅞	33⅝
Clorox	52⅝	52⅞
Coastal Corp	28⅝	28
Coca Cola	43⅝	43¼
Colgate-Palmolive	50⅞	50⅞
Columbia Gas	22⅝	22
Commonw Ed	30	29⅞
Compaq Comp	46⅛	46⅛
Comp Ass Intl	29⅞	29⅞
Conagra	23⅞	23¼
Cons Edison	36⅞	36⅞
Cons Nat Gas	51½	51½
Conr Rail	56⅛	56¼
Cooper Inds	49⅞	50⅞
Corning Inc	32⅛	32⅝
Crown Cork	34¼	34
Dana Corp	54⅛	55¼
Dayton Hudson	68⅞	69⅞
Deere	63⅞	62⅞
Delta Air Lines	49⅞	50⅞
Deluxe Corp	37⅛	37½
Detroit Edison	35½	35⅞
Digital Equip	36⅞	35½
Dillard Dept St	37	37¼
Disney (Walt)	37¼	37⅛
Dominion Res	46¼	46⅛
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	30¼
Dover Corp	47¼	47¼
Dow Chemicals	60⅛	59⅞
Dow Jones	29½	29⅞
Dresser	25	24⅛
Duke Power	42½	42½
Dun & Brdstreet	59⅛	59½
Du Pont	46½	46⅞
Eastman Kodak	54⅛	54¼
Eaton Corp	46⅛	46¼

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Emerson Elec	58⅛	58¼
Engelhard Corp	38⅛	38⅞
Enron Corp	65⅝	65¼
Entergy Corp	37⅞	38⅛
Ethyl Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Exxon	65⅞	66⅛
FMC Corp	48½	48⅛
FPL Group	39⅞	39⅞
Federal Express	52⅛	52⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	83⅝	83⅛
First Chicago	46¼	45⅝
First Interstate	63⅞	63⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅛	34
Fluor Corp	42⅞	42⅛
Ford Motor	54⅝	54⅝
GTE Corp	35⅝	36⅛
Gannett	50⅛	49⅝
Gap Inc Del	29⅝	29⅞
Gen Dynamics	92⅞	92
Gen Electric	99⅞	99
Gen Mills	60⅞	61
Gen Motors	49⅝	49⅝
Gen Reinsurance	120⅝	121
Gen Signal	32	32⅞
Genuine Parts	36⅛	36⅝
Georgia Pac	61½	61⅝
Gillette	51⅛	51⅞
Glaxo ADR	15⅞	15⅝
Goodrich (BF)	46⅛	46⅛
Goodyear Tire	41⅛	42
Grace (W&R)	40⅛	40⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29⅝	30
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17½
Halliburton	39⅞	40¼
Harcourt General	38½	38⅛
Heinz (HJ)	35⅝	35⅛
Hercules	81⅞	82⅞
Hershey Foods	45⅛	44⅝
Hewlett Packard	72⅞	72⅛
Hilton Hotels	42½	42⅛
Home Depot	45⅝	45⅞
Homestake Mng	20⅞	21⅛
Honeywell	35⅛	35⅞
Household Intl	74½	75
Houston Inds	46¼	46⅛
Humana	10⅞	11¼
ITT Corp	90⅞	90¼
Illinois Tool	35⅛	35½
INCO	21½	21
Ingersoll Rand	33⅞	32⅞
Inland Steel	24⅛	25½
Intel Corp	53¼	52⅝
IBM	43⅞	44
Intl Flav & Fr	111¼	113⅛
Intl Paper	64¼	64⅛
James River Va	20⅛	20⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	37⅞	37⅝
K Mart	20⅞	20⅞
Kellogg	49⅛	48⅞
Kerr-McGee	52⅞	52½
Kimberly-Clark	46¼	46⅛
Knight-Ridder	54¼	54½
Lilly (Eli)	46⅛	46⅛
Limited Inc	20⅞	20⅞
LIN Brdcstng	102⅞	102⅞
Lincoln Nat	43⅛	43⅛
Liton	67⅛	67⅞
Liz Claiborne	22⅞	23
Lockheed Corp	66⅛	66¼
Louisiana Pac	31¼	30⅞
MCI Commun	28⅞	28⅞
Marriott	27⅞	27⅛
Marsh & McLnn	87⅛	87
Masco Corp	27⅞	28
May Dept St	39⅝	40⅞
Maytag Corp	15⅛	15½
McCaw Cellular	49⅝	49
McDonalds	51⅞	51¼
McDonnell D	85⅞	86⅛
McGraw Hill	65⅛	65⅞
Mead Corp	43¼	44⅞
Medtronic	62⅞	62
Mellon Bk	56⅛	55⅞
Melville Corp	49⅞	45⅝
Merck Inc	31	30⅞
Merrill Lynch	86⅞	87
Minnesota Mine	106⅛	106⅞
Mobil Corp	73⅞	74¼
Monsanto	57⅞	57⅞
Morgan (JP)	72⅞	72⅞
Motorola Inc	94⅞	94⅛
Natl Medical	11¼	11½
Natl Semi	16⅞	16⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅞
Navistar Intl	26⅞	25⅞
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	33⅞
NY Times A	25⅞	25⅞
Newmont Mng	57⅞	58⅞
Niag Mohawk	24⅞	24⅞
Nike B	57	56⅞
NL Industries	5⅛	5⅞
Nordstrom	27⅞	27
Norfolk Sthrn	64⅞	64⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅞
Norwest Corp	26⅞	26⅛
Nynex Corp	88⅛	89⅝
Occidental Pet	21	21⅞
Ohio Edison	25	25⅛
Oracle Systems	52	52

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Owens Corning	41¼	42
PNC Financial	28⅛	28⅞
PPG Industries	68⅞	69⅞
Paccar Inc	64⅞	64⅞
Pacificorp	18⅛	19
Pac Enterprises	25⅝	25⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅛	34⅛
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅞
Pall Corp	16	16⅛
Panhandle East	25⅞	25⅞
Paramnt Comm	51¼	52
Parker Hannifin	31¼	31⅞
Penney (JC)	44⅞	45⅞
Pennzoil	66⅞	66⅞
Pepsico	37⅝	37⅞
Pfizer	59⅝	59⅝
Phelps Dodge	46⅞	47
Philadel Elec	32⅞	32⅞
Philip Morris	47⅞	46⅞
Phillips Pet	30⅞	30⅞
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Santa Fe Pac	18⅛	18⅞
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Skyline Corp	17⅞	17⅞
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Southern Co	42	41⅞
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Supervalu	36⅞	36⅛
Syntex Corp	18	17⅞
Sysco Corp	26⅞	27⅞
TRW Inc	65½	65⅞
Tandem Comp	10⅝	10⅞
Tandy Corp	30⅞	29⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
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Tenneco	49⅞	49⅞
Texaco	62	63⅞
Texas Inst	70⅝	71⅞
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Textron	54⅞	54⅞
Time Warner	37⅞	37⅞
Times-Mirror	30⅞	30⅞
Timken	33⅞	33⅞
Torchmark	57⅞	57⅞
Toys R Us	36⅞	36⅞
Transamerica	56⅞	56⅞
Travelers Corp	31½	31½
Tribune	50⅞	50⅞
Tyco Labs	40⅞	40⅞
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United Tech	56⅞	55⅞
Unocal Corp	29⅞	26⅞
Upjohn	27⅞	27⅞
VF Corp	43	43⅞
WMX Tech	31⅞	30⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	66⅞	67⅞
Wells Fargo	114⅞	114
Westinghouse El	15⅞	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	40
Whirlpool	64⅞	62⅞
Whitman	14⅞	14⅞
Winn Dixie	61⅞	59⅞
Woolworth	25⅞	25⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	36⅞	36⅞
Xerox	72⅞	73⅞

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Barclays	499p (+13p)	McKechnie	443p (+10p)
HSBC	671p (+14p)	Kleeneze	226p (+44p)
Nat West	510p (+13p)	MAM	583p (+10p)
Manpower	999p (+22p)	Geest	364p (+18p)
Compass Group	526p (+16p)	FALLS:	
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Rank Org	742p (+14p)	Takeda Chem	822p (-12p)
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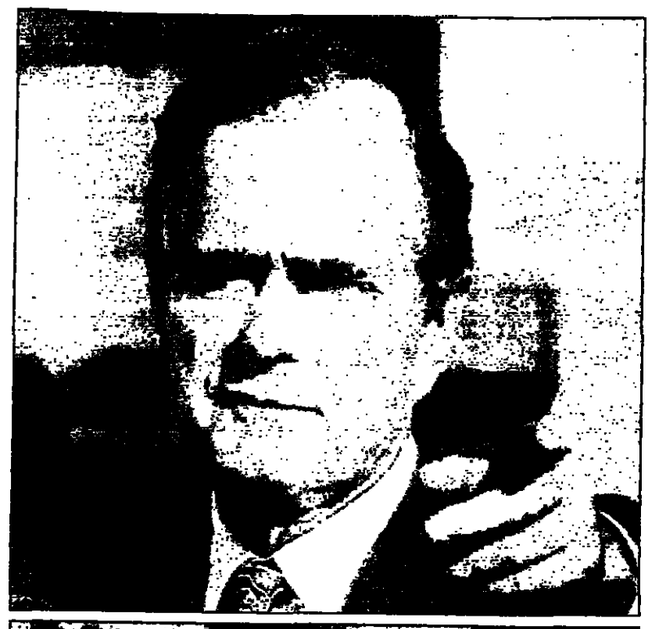
Congress removes the therapy from Clinton's budget shock

Wolfgang Münchau believes that, shorn of growth stimulation, the president's budget may not be able to deliver its intended cut in the deficit



Lipreading: has Mr Clinton produced a budget "worthy of Mr Bush"?

President Clinton was last night preparing to address the nation to drum up support for his economics plan, probably for the last time before Congress's final vote on the package, expected tomorrow or Friday. At this stage the vote is too close too call, despite the solid Democratic majority in both Houses, since many Democratic Congressmen and Senators are having second thoughts.

Back in February, the president received much applause from his own party for his economics plan, which addressed the dual need to haul the US economy out of recession right away and to cut America's budget deficit in the medium term. The applause has faded since. After having treated the president's plan as dead on arrival and submitted it to the customary brutal autopsy, Congress is now voting on its own amended version of the plan; it has turned out to be a monster of a budget which, if adopted, will probably fail to achieve either objective.

The Congressional plan was hammered out in detail earlier in the week in a joint conference of both Houses under America's lengthy and tedious process of passing a budget into law. The vote is going to be close because Democrats in the Senate and the House, mainly conservative southerners, balked at some of the tax rises contained in the plan. The new plan contains a commitment to $496 billion of deficit reductions over four years, close to Mr Clinton's $500 billion target. But there is nothing principly new about such plans and ballparks, because in the past they had a history of failing to reach their targeted projections because their internal mechanics were wrong. This is true also in this case, or as the *New York Times* put it in a contemptuous headline last week: "A Budget Worthy of Mr Bush".

The analogy to President Bush's ill-fated 1990 budget is damaging for Mr Clinton. That budget, too, was hailed as the biggest deficit reduction programme in history, also about $500 billion, which was supposed to put America on the path to budgetary balance. Then came the recession: the projected figures went up in smoke; the deficit is larger than ever, and we all know what happened to Mr Bush.

John Kasich, a Republican Congressman from Ohio, went a step further in his analysis when he said recently that the Democratic economics package, as it stands, was not merely a case of *déjà vu*, but a case of "déjà voodoo". He has a point. Congress's own version of the budget, even though it is a lot more conservative in terms of taxation than Mr Clinton's budget proposal in February, contains a good deal of voodoo, where the Clinton plan was sound. It is worth remembering that the 1990 budget raised taxes in order to cut the deficit at a time when America went into recession. The result was a deepening of recession, a short-fall in tax revenues and an increase in the deficit.

The 1990 budget package may have been a case of bad economics; it was certainly a case of bad timing. Three years earlier, during the boom, it might have worked. Today, it will not, because the American economy is still weak. Growth remained under 2 per cent in the second quarter and economists have expressed justifiable fears that higher taxes, if not accompanied by countervailing stimulus measures, could snuff out what little there is left of economic growth.

The package that Congress will vote on this week and Mr Clinton's original programme have in common that they would both raise some taxes immediately, or retroactively as in the case of the new 36 per cent top income tax rate for higher earners. Where they differ is that Mr Clinton's original proposal contained a wealth of provisions to stimulate the economy, such as the $16 billion infrastructure stimulus plan that was filibustered in the Senate, or to reduce the tax burden for small companies and induce investment.

Mr Clinton's original proposal contained a $60 billion energy tax, to be levied on the heat content of fuel under a complex formula. But it was labelled a middle-class tax and opposition rose among southern Democratic Senators who have strong oil lobbies in their states, and some of whom are up for re-election next year. Many have threatened to vote against the package, unless the energy tax was dropped. The conference finally replaced the energy tax with skimpy, almost symbolic, rise in the tax on petrol by 4.3 cents per gallon, and even this incurred the wrath of American motorists. But to make up for the shortfall, caused by the elimination of the energy tax, legislators had to cut back on the investment elements in the package, such as tax-credits for the poor, special investment incentives and an infrastructure investment programme, in short: anything that could help promote growth in America's anaemic economy. At the same time, the overall impact of the package of tax rises and spending cuts remains unchanged: $500 billion taken out of an economy over four years, whether through spending cuts or tax rises or both, will directly affect economic output. While the shock is still there, the therapy has gone.

In comparing this budget with the disaster of 1990, one has to take into account that the Bush administration employed infinitely more voodoo on economic forecasting, by using the most optimistic, and as it turned out the most incorrect, economic forecasts available that failed to recognise the depth of the recession and the explosion in health care costs. This year's budget, both the president's proposal and what is left of it, are based on projections from the Congressional Budget Office, which has a better track record than most others. But we are dealing with static models of the economy and the precise effect of tax rises on consumption is notoriously difficult to predict.

The historic futility of failing to cut the budget deficit has led to a debate in America about whether it makes sense to pursue a balanced budget at all, or whether the current deficit is perhaps more sustainable and affordable than is generally thought. The debate was triggered by Robert Eisner, professor of economics at Northwestern University, Chicago, in a much publicised polemic*. He notes that a reduction in the rate of unemployment from a present level of 7 per cent to the 5.3 per cent average between 1988 and 1990 would cut the deficit by $100 million at a stroke because of lower claims. "Virtually all of the Clinton-Gore administration's commitment to deficit reduction could be realised by that minimal reduction in unemployment," he wrote. Professor Eisner also refutes the argument that cutting the deficit would increase America's appallingly low savings rate, and argues that deficits can generate purchasing power. He concludes that "given the state of our economy, present deficits are not too large. They will naturally come down as we reduce unemployment... and achieve a prosperous economy".

Whatever one thinks of this view, Congress's own budget is certainly not designed to increase prosperity or speed economic growth. If Congress votes in favour of the bill, the White House and the Democratic leadership will no doubt celebrate what they will say is the biggest deficit reduction package in history. But unless the US economy picks up soon, Mr Clinton will then have to defend economic policies of the kind that he so effectively campaigned against last year.

For the time being the balance-the-budget-at-all-costs school prevails. As for Eisner, he will have to wait.

* Robert Eisner, "Sense and Nonsense About Budget Deficits", *Harvard Business Review*, May/June 1993

TEMPUS

Capital, capital

NATIONAL Westminster's decision to increase its interim dividend by 4.5 per cent was hardly justified by its results, but still makes sense. The bank's profits may have doubled, but a retention of only £94 million still looks hardly adequate for a bank with shareholders' funds of £5.8 billion. Instead, the bank seems to be thumbing its nose at anyone in the market who still believes it is undercapitalised.

NatWest's core capital ratio of 5.5 per cent is hardly replete, but it is a great deal better than the 5.2 per cent the bank reported at the end of last year, which was barely above the comfort level. A $250 million preference share issue in America and the rise in sterling have made all the difference.

If loan demand was recovering strongly, NatWest might still find itself turning business away and losing market share. But that is not the problem, the consumers and small businesses that have survived the recession intact are now loan averse and banks have imposed such strict lending criteria that their balance sheets are likely to remain static for up to two years.

Under these conditions NatWest's low capital ratio will be a blessing since it will enhance the return on shareholders' funds, making it easier to achieve its 17.5 per cent target.

If low lending volume and tighter interest margins caused by lower interest rates continue to depress profits from British retail banking, NatWest will benefit from its greater spread of business compared with more focused rivals such as Lloyds. The higher payout has a new-found ring of confidence and begins to justify the high value the market has placed on its shares.

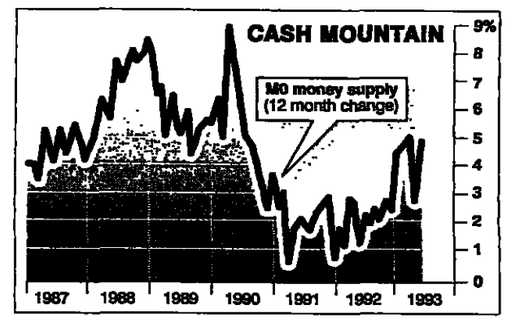
Money supply

THE rise in sterling and gilts following publication of yesterday's M0 figure demonstrates the state of high excitement that the markets have reached over the chances for another base rate cut in the wake of events in Europe at the weekend.

For much of the year, the growth in the bank note and coin circulation has been politely ignored by politicians and economists alike. Suddenly, it is being regarded as a vital clue to the Treasury's intentions.

M0 started rising above the Treasury's 0 to 4 per cent monitoring range in January, but its strength did not dissuade the government from cutting a full point off the base rate, and it would not hesitate again. M0 has remained above the monitoring range for most of the year, but few seriously believe that is a sign that the economy is recovering too quickly. The Treasury will look elsewhere for advice on interest rate policy.

Coin and banknote supply appears to be rising at an annual rate of 5 per cent, or about 1.5 per cent faster than underlying inflation. This confirms the modest growth in retail sales. There is no sign that M0 growth will rise above this 5 per cent trend in the short term. Indeed, it may even begin to fall later in the year. Most pay settlements are still coming in below the underlying inflation rate and retail sales volumes can hardly be robust when disposable income is still under pressure.



Bass/ Allied-Lyons

BASS may rejoice in its disposal of Augustus Barnett, since it has been trying to sell the off-licence chain for almost two years. But the brewing and hotels group will have to conjure up rather more impressive deals to escape from the squeeze on its cash flow.

Allied-Lyons seems to have bought Barnett at a bargain price. Less than three years ago, Greenalls bought Blaneys from Vaux for £20.4 million, or £109,000 an outlet. At £40 million, Allied is paying £73,000 for each of the 550 shops in the Barnett chain. The acquisition expands its chain to 1,510 shops, with size and distribution to compete with Thresher, Whitbread's market leader.

The transaction leaves Bass's problems unresolved. Its pubs and Holiday Inn hotel chain are still draining cash, and the group has few other businesses it can sell. The exception is Coral, the betting shop chain, but Bass cannot hope to receive a high price for the business, while William Hill, its larger rival, remains so publicly on sale. Ironically, Allied, the acquiror, has a far higher gearing level than Bass, but Allied has a cash-generating spirits business to fall back on. Unless Bass has a flash of inspiration, it may be forced to look to shareholders for more funds, but they are unlikely to welcome another rights issue.

Starmin

CONCERN about Starmin's accounting treatment of acquisitions and disposals has been fully justified. Yesterday's adjustments to preliminary results announced less than three months ago, included the deduction of a £1.3 million profit on the sale of assets, which ultimately never took place, as well as the reversal of £1.3 million of operating and property profits on other transactions. The company has also taken the opportunity to write down the assets of what it now reckons are non-core businesses by an additional £1 million.

The revised accounts show pre-tax losses 48 per cent higher than stated in the preliminary results and an 8 per cent fall in shareholders' funds. This is clearly unacceptable. The case is outside the jurisdiction of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, since preliminary results are unaudited. The Stock Exchange must show interest simply to retain confidence in its company news service.

Polygram

PUTTING a value on an old pop song is a hazardous business — it only takes one advertising agency and a new jeans campaign to throw all calculations out. Valuing *en masse* is easier. Polygram is not saying how much it is paying for the Motown back catalogue alone, although curiously the name itself is apparently valued at $50 million. The multiple of 2.2 times annual sales suggests the deal is pricier than others of late, not least EMI's purchase of Virgin records last year for 1.7 times sales. Thorn shares rose on this and on better-than-expected figures from Polygram, but more mature consideration decided the news does not hasten the group's demerger.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Morrissey stays in touch

YET more reshuffling at James Capel, where Keith Skeoch, chief economist, has found two more recruits to strengthen his strategy team. Peter Oppenheimer, chief economic strategist at Hambros Bank's fund management arm, comes on board as international investment strategist, and Oliver Kamm joins from CHD Investment to cover the European side. The moves are all part of the continuing fall-out from events in January, when Alastair Ross Goobey went off to head Postel, the UK's biggest pension fund. His ex-colleague, Martin Paling, joined Baring Asset Management in Hong Kong, and Peter Chambers subsequently arrived at Capels from Citibank as chief investment strategist. "We now have a full team," says Skeoch. Hambros, meanwhile, has also said farewell to Paddy Morrissey, UK salesman and rugby star, who is wining and dining former rivals in his new role as a headhunter with Sheffield-Haworth, a City recruitment firm. "The phones haven't stopped ringing," says Morrissey, 28, who captained the Hambros rugby team during his five years at the firm and hopes to return as a guest player.

Who's who

ASIL Nadir and George Soros make unlikely bedfellows. Yet, like it or not, they are both set to make their debut in *The International Who's Who*, that epic guide to the great and not-so-great around the world. "We will be sending Soros an application form as soon as we obtain his address," says Richard Fitzwilliams, editor of the guide. "The last time we sent Nadir a form, his company collapsed," he adds. The disgraced tycoon will feature in next year's edition, impending charges and all, as a result of his self-orchestrated prominence in the eastern Mediterranean. "We have to be international," explains Fitzwilliams, adding: "We list the unpleasant details, too."

Sinking feeling

WORD of an embarrassing episode involving a City financier and a glamorous PR girl has reached my ears. Brian Keelan, managing director, investment banking, at Swiss Bank Corporation set off from Cowes on Friday, bound for the Scilly Isles, on the 65ft *Kelpie*, a wooden yacht built in 1903. Sadly, the old hulk is beginning to show her age, for the 70ft mast came crashing down in the middle of the night, to the horror of crewmates including Brian Boylan, deputy chairman of Wolff Olins, a design company. The yacht limped back into port in the early hours, only to suffer the final indignation when Nicola Savage, investor relations manager at Inchcape, fell overboard in the Cowes Marina. Savage was promptly rescued by a pair of dashing young men who whisked her away in a motorboat.

Unkind cut

PETER Gummer's public relations group, Shandwick, appears to have suffered a bizarre backlash from all the free publicity surrounding the City's controversial new security measures. A year ago, the City of London Corporation terminated a PR contract worth more than £200,000 with Charles Barker in favour of Gummer's crew. Now, with the contract up for renewal at the end of the month, Shandwick Consultants has agreed to a sizable cut in fees in return for a "reduced role". Minutes from the Corporation's regular monthly meetings reveal that it approached eight PR firms before deciding to stay with Shandwick — in return for a cut in fees from £221,840 to £122,555 for 1993-4. Ouch!

Graduate touch

ONE of the City's grand old buildings, 40 St Mary Axe, is to benefit from a theatrical touch. Number 40, home in its time to Spillers and to Inchcape, is being restored to its former glory, after suffering severe damage in the April 1992 bombing. Now, the developers have called on the services of Robin Moore Ede, interior designers, who arrive fresh from redesigning Dustin Hoffman's eight-bedroom home in Chelsea. The work should be completed by next April. The building was designed by Sir Edwin Cooper, best known for the Port of London Authority building at Tower Hill. Trafalgar House Developments and Hanson Properties are spending £7 million on the project, fully covered by insurance. Inchcape moved out in 1988, and the developers had just finished refurbishing the site when the IRA bombers struck.

"Try NatWest — they've doubled their profits"

Mississippi bonds

THE State of Mississippi has been spared the floods which have devastated its northern neighbours. But there is no escape, it seems, from the 152-year-old saga of the Mississippi bearer bonds. A group of British bond holders, including Paul Seabrook of Daiwa Europe, is suing for payment of nearly $14 million in capital and interest due on the bonds, previously held by William Wordsworth and Queen Isabella II of Spain, among others. "It's fortunate for them that we are not pressing for compound interest," says Seabrook, who notes, not without coincidence, that Mississippi has earned $51 million in gaming taxes since riverboat gambling was legalised there a year ago. The banks which issued the bonds went bust in 1841 and not a cent has been paid since.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

City defends traffic measures

From the Chairman of the Corporation of London Policy and Resources Committee

Sir, Your report (Business News, July 30) about the late arrival of the BT3 share applications, and Barclays Bank's allegation of traffic problems which caused it to incur claims for compensation, was incorrect.

In your earlier editions you attributed the late arrival of the lorry to the traffic measures which have been introduced in the Square Mile. The Commissioner of Police for the City of London has arranged for the traffic cameras to be checked for the period immediately before 10am on July 14 and there was no congestion on any of the roads or bridges approaching the centre of the City at that time.

Evidence will show that the traffic measures have not caused serious congestion. In addition they have received a favourable response from those working or living in the City. It is, therefore, unfortunate that such an easily made, but unsupported, assertion appeared in your paper when the reporter could have established the facts by a short call to us or the City Police.

Yours faithfully,
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The avoidable costs of nuclear electricity

From Anand Zenz

Sir, The figures produced by Dr Hawley of Nuclear Electric (Business Letters, 29 July) require clarification. The "avoidable cost" of nuclear power excludes all costs that Nuclear Electric considers irretrievably lost. Excluded, therefore, are all construction and decommissioning costs.

Very large radioactive waste costs are also excluded because Nuclear Electric claims it has to pay BNFL to deal with the problem even if the waste is not produced. In short, Nuclear Electric can make its "avoidable" costs almost as low as it pleases by declaring most of its costs "unavoidable".

The "accounting cost" for Sizewell B is low because the power station has been built with cash supplied at zero interest from the levy-paying consumer. The hidden cost this time is the lost return that the levy would have earned had it been invested in something more profitable than a nuclear power station. The accounting cost of decommissioning is rendered negligible by assuming, with no authority, the expensive work will happen 140 years after the plant opens. For every £100 of this final decommissioning expenditure, just £7 shows in the accounting costs.

The true economic burden of nuclear power requires proper consideration of all costs and all risks. Nuclear Electric's figures may satisfy its accountants, but they would not satisfy an economist or a potential investor.

Yours faithfully,
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Putting forward the case for coal

From Mr R. G. Tallboys

Sir, As chief executive of the international industry association for one of the world's great growth industries, with coal producer members from 14 countries, I am repeatedly surprised at hearing British ministers and others referring to coal as being regarded worldwide as an old-fashioned fuel. Where do they get their information? Who do they listen to? World production of hard coal has grown from under 2,800 million metric tonnes (mmt) in 1980 to over 3,500 mmt in 1992.

The UN Economic Commission for Europe forecast is for world hard coal demand to rise to 4,300 mmt by the year 2010. Some forecasts predict that by then coal will once again take precedence over oil as the largest single source of commercially traded energy.

Many developing countries see coal as the most readily available and plentiful fuel for the generation of the increased electricity that accompanies the earliest stages of an improved standard of living. It is perhaps even more significant that the world's most dynamic economies around the Pacific Rim all plan to increase the use of coal.

Official plans for Japan, Korea, and Taiwan all forecast continuing growth in the use of coal for power generation. The latest forecast by Japan's Electric Power Development Company sees coal's share of Japan's energy mix doubling over the next decade as 26 new coal-fired power stations come on stream. Steam coal demand for electricity generation in Japan is seen as rising from 31 mmt in 1992 to around 74 mmt annually by the year 2002. Few countries are more environmentally conscious.

Huge investments continue to be made in coal-fired power stations using the technologies already available to ensure that coal can be burnt more efficiently and in an environmentally acceptable way.

Across the world, economies with a good track record in backing winners are backing coal. It would appear that almost every country with prospects for significant economic growth sees coal as a prime fuel to generate the electricity without which no country can provide the improving standard of living that its people expect.

Yours faithfully,
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Extra Inc	45.75	49.86	-0.03	4.63
F East Emerg Ec	88.29	95.33†	-0.25	0.68

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon. SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	402.00	429.70	+1.80	3.83
Equity Inc	222.10	237.40	+0.90	3.84
High Yield	247.60	264.60	+1.10	3.87
Balanced	658.50	703.90	+3.40	2.49
American Inc	48.92	52.29†	-0.75	3.08
Wld Asset Val	41.90	44.79	-0.18	1.00
Japan	209.40	233.00	-2.00	0.01
Secs of Am	413.00	439.50	-0.70	0.58

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	322.80	343.50	-1.50	2.64
-do- Inc	228.70	243.40	-1.10	2.64
Higher Inc Acc	598.40	636.60	-2.10	3.53
-do- Inc	363.40	386.70	-1.30	3.53
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	181.70	191.90	-1.20	5.87
-do- Inc	95.21	100.50	+0.51	5.87
Nth America	247.70	263.60	-4.60	...
Far East	315.10	335.30	-1.10	0.30
Europe	234.50	249.50	+1.70	0.82
General Inc	438.90	467.00	-2.40	2.39
-do- Acc	481.40	512.20	-2.80	2.39
Brit Excell	65.99	70.21	-0.31	2.64
Brit Fndmntls Inc	70.64	75.15	+0.03	4.52
Brit Fndmnls Acc	91.05	96.87	+0.04	4.52
Global Opps	76.10	80.96	-0.53	0.07

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London. EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	250.60	263.80	-0.80	1.35
Capital Gwth	104.30	109.80	-2.10	2.48
Worldwide Opps	152.70	160.70	-0.80	0.59

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	107.90	115.50	-1.00	2.85
Euro Gth Inc	119.40	126.60	+1.40	1.82
Extra Inc	111.20	118.90	+0.80	4.71
General	249.30	266.70	+1.40	2.90
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.15	62.19	+0.05	7.96
Income	501.70	536.60	+3.70	4.29

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	93.36	99.17	-1.03	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	122.40	131.20	-1.20	..
Convertibles	53.46	57.17†	-0.03	7.10
Eastern	189.30	204.20	+0.60	1.60
Equity Income	85.40	90.85	-0.24	4.30
European Gth	240.60	255.70	+1.60	1.50
Europe	154.10	164.90	+1.40	1.50
Exempt	83.16	85.38†	...	3.60
German Growth	63.10	67.20	-0.56	0.70
Global Growth	111.10	118.80	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	206.70	221.30	-3.20	...
Japan Sunrise	189.00	195.50	-0.40	...
Portfolio	123.50	132.10	-0.50	3.20
-do- Acc	220.00	235.50	-0.90	3.20
UK Growth	84.37	89.75†	-0.11	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	85.30	91.22	-0.10	1.90
Select Managers	65.87	70.52	+0.10	3.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
90 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	107.26	114.71	-0.32	1.87
-do- Inc	97.51	104.29	-0.29	1.87
Global Bond	29.94	31.76	+0.04	5.37
High Yield Acc	56.37	60.28	-0.06	3.50
-do- Inc	40.47	43.28†	-0.05	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	96.54	103.26	-0.20	1.35
-do- Inc	88.74	94.90	-0.19	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	59.70	63.85	-0.82	...
-do- Inc	58.59	62.66†	-0.81	...
Euro Gth Acc	108.69	116.25	+0.98	1.07
-do- Inc	107.20	114.66	+0.97	1.07
Mngd P folio	36.77	39.33	+0.02	1.29
Pacific Growth	106.69	114.11	-0.60	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	93.63	100.14	+0.83	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	136.30	145.00	+0.80	2.89
Smaller Cos Acc	308.50	330.00	+1.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	179.40	192.00	+0.30	1.11
High Inc	74.26	79.46	+0.24	6.60
Income	133.90	143.30	+1.00	3.84
Mngd P folio Inc	94.95	101.10†	+0.20	1.97
-do- Acc	179.40	191.10	+0.50	...
North American	104.80	111.60	-1.40	0.19
Orient	136.60	147.10	-1.90	...
Recovery	41.54	44.65	+0.09	2.50
German	41.96	44.93	-0.28	0.09
Intl Growth	34.93	37.20	-0.43	0.21
European Inc	22.34	24.04	+0.19	0.47

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.53	68.44	+0.06	5.68

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	136.60	145.40	+0.60	1.72
UK Growth	150.00	159.60†	+0.60	2.13
UK Income	128.80	137.10	+0.40	4.03

CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	88.41	94.56	+0.27	1.22
Growth	44.94	48.06†	-0.24	2.79
Income	55.56	59.42†	-0.24	4.16
Far East	50.20	53.69	-0.53	...
North American	89.01	95.71	-0.63	...
Global	88.69	94.86	-0.45	0.64
European	73.60	78.72	+1.31	0.98
Japan	119.00	127.30	-1.04	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.88	63.58	-0.59	5.04
UK Cap Gwth	82.64	88.38	-0.42	1.90

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362
Capability Trusts

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	131.70	140.20	-1.60	0.23
-do- Acc	140.10	149.10	-1.60	0.23
European	67.95	72.02†	-0.18	0.81
-do- Acc	71.30	75.58	+0.74	0.81
Far East Gen	69.57	74.02	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	69.57	74.02	-0.80	...
Glenfriars	264.00	280.90	-0.30	0.67
-do- Acc	297.20	316.20	-0.40	0.67
Growth	396.30	423.80	-0.50	2.20
-do- Acc	678.40	725.60	-0.80	2.20
Income Growth	383.90	408.50†	-3.20	3.78
-do- Acc	521.90	555.30	-4.40	3.78
Master Portfolio	9922.0	10304.0†	-68.00	2.05
-do- Acc	11558.0	12003.0	-79.00	2.05
Special Sits	89.48	95.20†	-0.94	2.19
-do- Acc	105.77	112.53	-1.11	2.19
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1252.0	1291.0	-3.00	4.23
-do- Acc	1478.0	1524.0	-3.00	4.23

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	192.90	205.60	-2.10	1.61
Capital	552.20	589.30	-1.70	2.30
Eurotrack 100	135.10	143.90	-0.60	1.44
Euro Gth	85.36	91.01	+0.44	1.24
Far East Growth	98.01	104.60	-0.60	0.07
Global Bond	23.71	24.99†	-0.20	6.01
Hong Kong	83.36	88.96	+0.97	0.77
Income	524.60	559.90	+0.40	3.81
Intl Growth	75.76	80.85†	-0.71	0.96
Japan Growth	294.50	314.30	-3.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.70	40.23	-0.33	...
Japan Index	86.30	92.10	-0.82	0.23
Nth American	435.00	464.30	-6.20	0.47
S pore Mly Gth	57.96	61.86	-0.10	...
The Footsie Fd	109.40	115.50	-0.30	2.66
Tiger Index	148.70	158.70	-0.90	0.59
Trixie Index	108.20	115.50	+0.10	2.49
UK Index	126.00	134.50†	-0.30	2.98

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	85.66	91.49	-0.94	1.05
European P folio	75.30	80.15	+0.69	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.23	74.68	-0.16	...
Pacific P folio	107.66	115.77	-0.20	1.15
Cazenove P folio	73.63	78.75†	-0.02	2.63
UK Income Gth	66.43	71.24	+0.14	4.58
Utility & Bond	52.67	53.37	+0.06	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	...	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	...	9.19
Deposit	3.70	...	5.82	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	601.99	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposit	3.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	65.09	68.52	...	2.20
Beckman Intl	84.45	89.12	...	2.97
Friars Hse Inc	183.51	197.32	...	5.90
Friars Hse Cap	255.95	275.22	...	2.64

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Quilter	122.43	130.24†	-0.49	2.58
-do- Acc	137.35	146.12	-0.57	2.58
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.80	92.80	+0.01	5.14
-do- Acc	92.80	92.80	+0.01	5.14
PPT Europe	157.13	167.16	+1.07	0.85
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.93	52.08	+0.13	7.34
PPT Global Bond	86.34	91.79	-0.60	5.39
PPT Gold Com	64.94	69.09	-1.22	...
PPT Oriental Gth	59.22	63.00	-0.46	0.29
PPT Far East Gth	112.14	119.30	-1.16	0.02
PPT High Yield	120.72	128.43	-0.12	4.23
-do- Acc	464.15	493.78	-0.49	4.23
PPT Managed	63.33	67.37	-0.14	3.30
-do- Acc	77.36	82.30	-0.15	3.30
PPT Smlr Cos	36.83	39.18	+0.22	1.62
-do- Acc	41.80	44.47	+0.26	1.62
PPT UK General	70.22	74.70	-0.29	2.44
-do- Acc	85.22	90.66	-0.34	2.44
PPT Japan	126.49	134.56	-1.85	...
PPT N Amer	150.23	159.82	-1.72	0.06
PPT UK Gth	120.22	127.89	-0.38	1.89
PPT W'wide Gwth	59.59	63.73	-0.49	0.14
-do- Acc	62.14	66.46	-0.50	0.14
PPT Preference	49.10	52.23	-0.12	6.57
-do- Acc	256.35	272.71	-0.61	6.57
PPT Equity Inc	148.00	157.46	-0.18	3.55
-do- Acc	490.00	521.28	-0.60	3.55
PPT Fixed Conv	41.60	44.25	+0.09	6.35
-do- Acc	111.47	118.59	+0.23	6.35

CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4842
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	62.07	66.04	+0.24	1.94
-do- Acc	69.98	74.45	+0.27	1.94
Income Fund 5	221.00	235.20	-0.40	4.09
-do- Acc	514.30	547.20	-0.90	4.09
Inv Portfolio	68.08	71.59	-0.05	2.15
-do- Acc	78.72	81.58	+0.67	2.15
Smaller Cos	130.10	138.50†	...	1.40
-do- Acc	157.40	167.50†	-0.10	1.40
High Inc P folio	62.57	64.84	-0.09	4.48

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	85.98	91.47	+0.24	0.87
Japanese Acc	67.30	71.60	-0.46	...
UK Balncd Inc	130.10	138.40†	-0.50	2.49
-do- Acc	153.50	163.30†	+0.70	2.49
UK Growth Acc	211.10	224.60	+1.00	1.99
UK High Inc	138.00	146.80	-0.80	6.03
-do- Acc	167.00	177.70	-1.00	6.03
N America Acc	113.30	120.50†	-0.70	0.32
European Acc	161.90	172.20	+1.80	0.41
UK Pref F/I Inc	61.06	64.77†	+0.06	6.80
-do- Acc	100.50	106.60†	+0.10	6.80
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.32	53.53	-0.02	0.21
Environmntl Opp	72.50	77.13	+0.38	1.59

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	111.30	118.70	-1.80	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	204.80	217.60	-0.50	1.15
Eurofund	38.39	40.65	+0.46	0.98
Mngd Exempt	170.80	178.10	+5.30	2.94
Growth Inc	217.20	230.80†	-0.40	3.30
High Dist	146.50	155.70	+0.10	4.82
International	330.10	350.70†	-0.90	0.92
Intl Income	83.10	88.71	+0.02	2.93
Pacific	60.38	64.15	-0.13	0.47
Smlr Jap Cos	77.81	82.67	-0.32	...
Tokyo	219.00	232.70	-2.60	...
Japan Exempt	127.20	130.70	-5.00	0.38
Sm Jap Exempt	636.20	643.40	-18.50	0.08
Equity Income	125.20	130.00	-0.20	3.76
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	143.70	152.00	+1.50	0.54
Financial	44.23	46.99	+0.01	2.53
Global Oppr Inc	91.59	97.31	-0.57	2.07
-do- Acc	94.94	100.90	-0.60	2.07
Gold Gen Inc	55.43	58.89	-1.19	0.73
-do- Acc	106.40	113.10	-2.20	0.73
Japan General	169.90	180.50†	-2.10	...
Preference	22.77	24.19†	+0.07	7.51
Worldwide Cap	202.00	214.60†	-0.20	2.98
World Income	86.72	92.14†	+0.08	3.23

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	178.50	189.90	...	0.89

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	108.22	113.92	+0.15	3.26
High Income	126.07	132.71	+0.29	4.63
Tst of Inv Tsts	157.23	165.50	+0.39	2.23
Special Sits	86.72	91.28	+0.28	2.13
North American	104.12	109.60	-1.48	0.88
Far Eastern	256.03	269.51†	-0.71	1.66
Intl Growth	101.67	107.02	-1.22	1.21
European	65.98	69.45	+0.34	2.03
Smaller Cos	68.65	72.26	+0.07	2.01

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton. BN1 2RE
0273 220 797

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	228.60	243.10	...	3.62

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	130.00	138.30	+1.70	...
High Income	26.56	27.95†	-0.02	5.67

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	94.74	100.30†	+0.69	0.81
Far Eastern	141.30	152.00	-1.70	...
Oseas Income	90.04	96.33	-0.68	3.04
UK Growth	97.05	103.80†	+0.20	0.74
UK Income	104.40	111.70	-0.30	3.06
US Smaller Cos	260.50	278.60	-2.70	0.08

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	48.89	51.98	-0.42	...
-do- Acc	48.89	51.98	-0.42	...
Am Smllr Co	432.80	462.80	-5.10	...
-do- Acc	442.10	472.70	-5.30	...
Capital	290.90	309.40	+1.10	1.78
-do- Acc	405.10	430.90	+1.50	1.78
Contl Smllr Cos	47.83	51.50	+0.00	0.20
-do- Acc	50.00	53.84	-0.10	0.20
Convertible	116.80	124.20	+0.20	5.86
-do- Acc	221.70	235.80	+0.30	5.86
Emg Mark	55.34	59.12	-0.32	...
-do- Acc	55.34	59.12	-0.32	...
European	98.17	104.80	+0.90	0.87
-do- Acc	102.30	109.20	+0.90	0.87
Extra Income	299.20	318.20	+0.10	3.95
-do- Acc	428.30	455.80	+0.20	3.95
Financial	112.10	120.10	...	0.22
-do- Acc	117.20	125.70	...	0.22
Gilt Gth Tst	65.24	67.27	+0.52	6.07
-do- Acc	84.30	86.93	+0.69	6.07
Health Fund Inc	119.90	128.00	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	119.90	128.00	-1.70	...
Income Tst	185.70	197.50	...	3.10
-do- Acc	263.20	279.90	+0.10	3.10
Intl Growth	328.50	351.10	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	364.80	389.90	-1.50	...
Japan Gen	192.40	205.60	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	194.30	207.70	-2.00	...
Mngd P folio Inc	93.39	98.30	-0.07	0.85
-do- Acc	98.14	103.30	-0.10	0.85
Monthly Income	157.50	167.50	+0.40	3.83
Qrtly Inc	51.24	54.50	+0.08	5.64
-do- Acc	51.36	54.63	+0.08	5.64
Recovery	299.40	320.10	-2.20	0.26
-do- Acc	351.80	376.20	-2.40	0.26
UK Growth	47.93	51.21	-0.13	2.52
-do- Acc	47.93	51.21	-0.13	2.52

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	358.45	381.33	+0.56	2.64
-do- Acc	731.97	778.69	+1.16	2.64
Euro Gth Dist	110.96	118.04†	+1.07	0.76
-do- Acc	114.83	122.16†	+1.11	0.76
Fixed Int Dist	135.84	143.69	+0.55	6.12
-do- Acc	229.72	242.99	+0.93	6.12
Intl Gth Dist	80.16	85.28	-0.05	0.66
-do- Acc	83.22	88.53	-0.05	0.66
Nth Amer Dist	171.61	181.79†	-1.04	0.92
-do- Acc	186.86	197.95†	-1.14	0.92
Pac Basin Dist	259.61	276.18†	+0.32	0.04
-do- Acc	264.37	281.25†	+0.32	0.04
Stewardship Dist	305.91	325.44	+0.94	1.85
-do- Acc	364.77	388.05	+1.12	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	64.94	69.09†	+0.15	3.10
-do- Acc	80.98	86.15†	+0.16	3.10
N Am Stwd Dist	99.35	105.69†	-1.02	...
-do- Acc	105.09	111.80†	-1.08	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	140.50	150.30	-2.20	...
European	433.90	461.10	+3.10	0.92
Far East General	237.20	253.10	-2.10	0.28
Germany	102.30	108.50	+1.60	0.42
Global Assets In	71.21	76.04	+0.23	2.12
Global Assets Ac	75.30	80.40	+0.23	2.08
Income Inc	128.10	137.10	+0.20	6.43
International	295.90	315.90	-0.50	0.89
Intl Income	79.41	84.45	-0.41	4.72
Japan General	394.60	419.40	-5.90	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.74	49.99†	+0.38	5.94
UK Capital Inc	169.70	181.50	+0.40	3.94
-do- Acc	292.90	313.50	+0.80	3.58
Uk Spec Sits	79.95	85.51	+0.11	1.48
US General	121.40	129.30	-1.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	126.20	134.80†	+0.20	0.10

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.10	49.30†	-0.25	1.48
Cash Trust*	129.69	129.69	+0.02	5.23
Practl Inv Inc	107.54	115.32	+0.07	3.98
-do- Acc	230.86	247.57	+0.15	3.98
UK Smaller Cos	107.71	115.51	+0.46	0.80
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.53	28.37†	+0.08	7.83
High Inc	32.72	34.99†	+0.05	4.69
UK Equity Inc	131.52	140.66†	-0.63	3.86
Global Bond	30.02	31.11	-0.29	5.75
International Funds				
Gold Intl	100.64	107.92	-2.60	0.36
Frontier Markets	44.37	47.58	-0.44	0.44
Global Inc Gth	121.97	130.09	-0.93	1.89
UK Intl	119.39	127.69†	-0.64	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	130.09	139.06	-1.54	0.45
European	84.18	89.22	+0.73	0.60
Euro Sel Opps	100.94	107.63†	+1.03	0.66
American Emerg	83.74	89.80	-1.18	...
Hong Kong	117.22	125.71	+1.26	1.99
Japan	244.28	259.51†	-2.37	...
Pacific Growth	161.34	173.02	-0.22	0.38

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	130.07	139.11	-0.94	0.32
American Gth	131.86	141.03	-0.96	...
European Gth	69.13	73.58	-0.76	0.61
Japan Gth	84.97	90.88	-0.76	...
Greater China	143.16	153.11†	-1.08	2.85
Pacific Strategy	128.83	137.70	-0.89	0.30
UK Prog Inc	77.50	81.56	+0.50	4.69
British Growth	49.16	51.92	-0.06	2.47
UK Small Cos	44.03	47.09	-0.06	1.81

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.90	131.90	...	4.92
Gilt Fixed	127.10	134.90	+0.40	5.74
Growth Equity	302.10	322.70	+1.60	1.96
Guardhill	446.50	477.00	+2.80	2.06
Income Trust	113.70	121.40	+0.50	2.70
International	163.80	175.00	+0.10	0.16
Japan Trust	134.40	143.50	-0.90	...
Nth American	259.30	277.00	-1.70	0.40
Pacific	394.90	421.90	-4.50	...
European	356.60	380.90	+7.00	0.61

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	36.10	38.27†	+0.20	1.56
-do- Acc	38.04	40.33	+0.20	1.56
Int Adv Inc	30.23	32.05	+0.10	3.75
-do- Acc	31.71	33.62	+0.10	3.75

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	81.28	87.07	-1.21	1.30
Equity Income	116.30	123.70	+0.30	3.34
European	136.80	144.90	+1.70	1.24
Intl Situation	78.00	82.98†	+0.07	...
Japanese	149.60	158.70	-0.90	...
North American	97.37	103.30	-0.40	0.05
Scandinavian	121.80	128.80	+3.00	...
Smaller Cos	30.26	32.19	+0.10	1.93

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263200 Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	92.18	98.54	+1.26	...
Asian Enterprise	130.04	139.06†	+1.63	1.03
European	384.25	407.07	+4.21	0.75
European Inc	73.10	77.29	+0.49	2.53
Euro Smll Co	121.52	129.45	-0.04	0.72
Extra Income	266.12	283.31†	+2.98	4.64
Family of Funds	71.99	76.86†	+0.33	1.06
Global Bond	56.69	60.63†	+0.29	7.19
High Inc	296.59	317.05†	+3.49	3.91
Income Gth	242.48	258.24	+3.27	3.35
-do- Acc	627.21	667.97	+8.45	3.35
International	236.52	252.78	+4.29	0.72
Japan Spc Sit	260.72	277.57	+6.86	...
Japan	226.09	240.73†	+5.63	...
N Amer	229.18	243.88†	-3.81	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	201.05	213.88	+1.67	0.34
Pref Gilt	46.56	50.04†	+0.19	8.61
Smaller Cos Div	171.60	183.51†	+0.77	3.75
Special Sits	265.87	284.48	+2.68	1.94
-do- Acc	409.68	438.35	+4.13	1.94
Best of British	56.75	60.71	+0.79	2.27
Henderson TR				
American Gth	82.13	87.83	...	...
Euro Spec Sits	50.02	53.45	...	0.94
-do- Acc	47.24	50.48	...	0.94
Far East Opps	33.26	35.58	...	0.61
-do- Acc	34.23	36.62	...	0.61
General Growth	100.66	107.24†	...	2.41
Global Tech	128.26	137.23	...	...
Income Growth	104.92	112.21	...	3.61
Income Monthly	57.67	61.67	...	5.48
Japan Growth	88.18	94.07†	...	...
Overseas Gth	79.07	84.49†	...	1.00
Smaller Cos	73.84	79.00	...	1.76
Special Opps	106.67	114.69	...	1.11
Wld Spec Sits	51.34	55.36	...	0.49
-do- Acc	51.46	55.49	...	0.49

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	88.62	94.78	-0.55	1.93
Capital	157.10	168.00†	-0.60	1.81
Dollar	310.50	332.00	-3.90	0.01
European	202.90	217.00†	+2.80	0.61
Far East	249.30	266.60	-0.90	0.28
Financial	732.00	782.80	-0.60	1.76
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.42	27.44†	+0.07	7.67
High Yield	105.10	112.40	...	4.31
Income	139.10	148.70	-0.30	3.25
Intl	219.10	234.30†	-1.80	0.19
Japan Tech	76.14	81.43	-1.39	...
Nat Resources	64.95	69.46	-1.22	0.46
Security	302.20	323.20	-0.80	1.79
Smaller Cos	112.60	120.40	+0.20	1.17
Special Sits	141.00	150.80	-0.20	1.53
US Smaller Cos	70.73	76.86	-2.27	...

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.46	27.21†	+0.07	1.30
Special Features	28.47	30.24	-0.07	1.94
-do- Acc	33.61	35.71	-0.07	1.94
General Funds				
UK Growth	54.36	58.17	-0.22	2.09
Assets Earnings	71.66	78.13†	-0.29	2.31
do Acc	85.29	90.62†	-0.35	2.28
Managed Invest	90.88	96.99	-0.48	1.14
Rupert Children	76.75	81.83	-0.47	2.13
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.01	50.01†	+0.01	4.47
Extra Inc	82.20	87.87†	-0.11	4.79
Gilt	28.41	29.90†	+0.06	6.48
Income Gth	40.15	42.84	-0.08	3.53
MIMstar	78.71	80.43	+0.11	7.82
Preference	18.09	19.22	+0.05	6.59
UK Income	319.50	341.50	-1.00	3.01
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	60.28	64.04	...	1.25
Property Shares	66.56	71.93	+0.11	1.60
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	151.60	159.00	-0.10	4.06
European Acc	118.70	125.80	+1.50	1.55
European Dist	113.00	119.70	+1.40	1.55
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.69	51.77	-0.79	0.98
European Perf	120.10	127.30†	+1.50	0.70
-do- Acc	123.80	131.30†	+1.50	0.69
Euro Small Cos	22.22	23.64	+0.14	0.65
French Growth	69.04	73.44	-0.10	0.50
-do- Acc	73.75	78.46	-0.11	0.50
Hong K/China	71.41	75.87	+0.34	1.63
Intl Growth	53.82	57.18	-0.25	0.69
-do- Acc	53.82	57.18	-0.25	0.69
Japan Perf	36.26	38.52	-0.51	...
Accum Units	36.26	38.52	-0.51	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.27	43.88	-0.51	...
Singapore Asean	84.75	90.04†	-0.37	0.34
-do- Acc	85.28	90.60†	-0.37	0.34
South East Asia	240.80	255.80	+1.00	0.67
US Smllr Cos	105.80	112.40†	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	107.00	113.60†	-0.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	86.55	92.25	-0.41	2.54
Intl Bond	59.58	60.47	-0.39	5.54

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.92	70.26†	...	5.09
Extra Income	54.02	57.47	+0.12	6.72
Gilt Yield	121.90	128.70	+0.70	7.02
Global Income	202.00	214.90†	-1.07	4.07
High Yield	137.90	146.70†	+0.10	5.68
Smllr Cos Div	49.43	52.80†	+0.26	3.72
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.74	97.60	-0.90	..
North American	75.88	80.72	-0.83	0.42
European	132.60	141.10	+1.10	1.59
Euro Special	78.19	83.18†	-0.28	1.71
General	267.40	284.50†	-1.60	3.14
Japan	456.70	485.90	-4.30	...
Japanese Special	254.40	270.60	-1.90	...
Master Acc	225.10	239.50	-0.40	1.29
Pacific	281.70	299.70	-0.80	0.54
Smaller Cos	99.75	106.10	-2.98	1.58
UK Equity Gth	37.08	39.45†	+0.09	1.77

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	76.46	81.30†	+0.97	1.02
Extra Income	24.39	25.95†	+0.07	3.49
Far East	28.96	30.81	-0.06	0.83
Income Gwth	74.11	78.84	+0.12	2.71
Intl Growth	53.54	56.96	+0.08	0.66
Japan	70.11	74.59†	-0.79	...
Maximum Dist	99.71	101.70†	...	6.01
N Amer Equity	38.55	41.01	-0.17	0.28
UK Equity	88.54	94.19	+0.22	2.92

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	52.72	56.09†	-0.37	4.46

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	434.40	462.10	-2.00	2.68
Equity Acc	824.60	877.20	-3.70	2.68
Equity Income	94.28	100.30†	-0.40	4.64
European	97.44	103.70†	-0.10	1.25
Far Eastern	195.40	207.90	-2.40	...
Fixed Interest	54.08	57.53†	-0.02	6.07
Gilt	94.00	99.68	-0.26	6.17
Global Growth	69.90	74.36	-0.95	0.43
Intl Bond	57.30	60.96	-0.70	4.66
Japanese	76.72	81.62	-1.28	...
Overseas Equity	101.02	107.40	-0.70	0.05
Pacific Gth	90.13	95.88	-0.64	0.44

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	314.40	334.50	-4.90	3.04
-do- Acc	690.50	734.60	-10.80	3.04
Contl Euro Gth	52.38	55.14	+0.85	1.23
-do- Acc	55.40	58.32	+0.80	1.23
Extra Inc	243.20	258.80	-2.80	3.78
-do- Acc	601.10	639.50	-7.40	3.78
German Gth	104.10	109.60	+0.30	0.06
-do- Acc	109.10	114.90	+0.30	0.06
Growth Port	497.50	529.30	+1.20	0.86
-do- Acc	497.50	529.30	+1.20	0.86
Income	456.80	486.00	-5.60	3.57
-do- Acc	1173.0	1248.0	-13.00	3.57
Income Port	498.60	530.50	+1.10	4.20
-do- Acc	506.00	538.30	+1.10	4.20
Japan Growth	105.30	112.50	-0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	106.10	112.90	-0.90	0.01
Master Trust	52.86	56.24	+0.13	1.26
-do- Acc	58.19	61.91	+0.13	1.26
N American Gen	189.10	201.20	-0.50	0.01
-do- Acc	218.40	232.40	-0.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	138.90	147.80	-2.30	0.01
-do- Acc	141.70	150.80	-2.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	210.90	224.40	-0.10	0.63
-do- Acc	222.80	237.10	-0.20	0.63
Small Cos Rec	306.70	322.90	-6.80	2.40
-do- Acc	399.40	420.50	-11.40	2.40
UK Growth	78.99	84.04†	-0.47	2.42
-do- Acc	93.07	99.02	-0.55	2.43
Worldwide Gth	288.00	306.40	-2.60	0.17
-do- Acc	424.70	451.90	-3.80	0.17

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	79.50	85.30	+0.34	2.70
Income	63.45	68.08	+0.17	5.10
International	58.64	62.92	-0.12	0.70
American	59.69	64.05	-0.54	0.30
Japan	58.33	62.59†	-0.51	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	59.96	64.34	+0.23	1.70

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	388.80	411.20†	-2.90	0.86
-do- Acc	480.40	508.00	-3.60	0.86
American Rec	423.00	447.30	-4.50	0.17
-do- Acc	484.60	512.50	-5.20	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	122.30	129.40	-2.40	...
Australia Acc	177.30	187.50	-2.90	0.89
Capital	680.90	720.00†	+1.90	2.41
-do- Acc	760.50	804.20	+2.10	2.41
Commodity Acc	469.50	496.60	-2.60	0.67
Compnd Gth	850.60	899.50	+0.60	2.76
Dividend	37.03	39.10	+0.10	4.03
-do- Acc	146.50	155.20	+0.50	4.03
Equity Inc	306.80	324.40†	+1.00	4.54
European Div	60.00	63.40†	+0.70	3.97
-do- Acc	69.50	73.40	+0.80	3.97
European Gen	389.90	412.20†	+4.00	1.01
-do- Acc	489.70	517.80	+5.00	1.01
Extra Yield	398.90	421.80	+0.80	4.16
-do- Acc	1166.3	1233.4	+2.40	4.16
Far Eastern	310.90	328.80	-0.10	0.55
-do- Acc	408.90	432.50	-0.10	0.55
Fund of Inv	532.60	563.20	+3.60	2.02
-do- Acc	971.50	1027.3	+6.50	2.02
General	55.60	58.80†	-0.10	3.50
-do- Acc	148.70	157.30	+0.20	3.50
Gilt Fxd Int	63.42	63.50†	+0.05	7.50
do Acc	161.67	161.89	+0.14	7.50
Gold	67.40	71.30†	-1.20	0.50
-do- Acc	79.20	83.80	-1.40	0.50
High Inc	26.20	27.70	...	4.27
-do- Acc	99.20	105.00	+0.30	4.27
Intl Growth	70.10	74.10†	-0.20	0.75
-do- Acc	121.40	128.30	-0.40	0.75
Intl Inc	97.00	102.60	...	4.46
Japan Gen Acc	54.60	57.70	-0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	159.70	168.90	-1.30	...
Midland	57.20	60.50	+0.30	3.11
-do- Acc	183.10	193.60	+0.90	3.11
Recovery	37.90	40.10†	+0.10	2.50
-do- Acc	60.30	63.80	+0.10	2.50
Second Gen	64.50	68.00†	+0.20	3.24
-do- Acc	159.40	168.60	+0.50	3.24
Smaller Cos	60.30	63.80†	+0.10	3.04
-do- Acc	115.70	122.60	+0.30	3.04
Trustee	40.80	43.10	+0.10	3.70
Charibond 3	‡113.29	...	+0.30	9.52
Charifund 2	657.00	666.90†	+1.30	4.82
Pension ex 1	868.30	890.10	+1.70	4.14
NAACIF Inc 3	347.83	...	+0.30	7.49
-do- Acc 3	‡1158.1	...	+7.00	7.49

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 4IR, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680866

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	139.70	149.40†	-0.40	2.01
-do- Acc	156.60	167.50†	-0.40	2.01
UK Income	116.70	124.80	-0.72	2.49
-do- Acc	131.90	141.00	-0.72	2.49

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	84.51	90.39	-0.71	0.44
Far East (Pacific)	139.50	148.10	-3.50	0.62
Income Growth	73.45	77.97†	+0.40	3.33
European	70.14	74.46	+0.85	1.16
Nth American	56.85	60.35	-1.60	1.01
UK Growth	77.39	82.15	+0.72	1.57
Intl Growth	97.97	104.00	...	0.70
Charities	110.10	116.90†	+0.30	3.84
Intl Income	69.60	73.89	+0.12	5.45
Japan	56.34	59.81	-0.99	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	189.70	201.70	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	202.80	215.50	-2.00	...
Cash	100.30	100.30	...	5.61
-do- Acc	130.30	130.30	...	5.61
European Gth	196.60	208.50†	+2.10	0.76
-do- Acc	211.40	224.20†	+2.30	0.76
General	474.10	505.80	+2.00	2.39
-do- Acc	902.00	962.20	+3.90	2.39
Global Dist	133.10	139.90	-0.30	5.22
-do- Acc	148.90	156.50	-0.40	5.22
Income	142.60	152.00†	+0.30	4.48
-do- Acc	210.20	224.20†	+0.30	4.48
International	399.90	426.30†	+3.00	0.66
-do- Acc	531.80	567.00†	+3.90	0.66
Japan	199.10	211.30	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	206.40	216.80	-1.30	...
New Europe	142.10	151.60	+0.70	1.71
-do- Acc	144.30	154.00	+0.70	1.71
Recovery	295.00	314.70	+2.00	2.85
-do- Acc	372.80	397.70	+2.60	2.85
European Inc	73.06	77.53†	+0.95	3.14
-do- Acc	94.41	100.10†	+1.13	3.14
Brit Blue Chip	73.74	78.56	+0.17	3.21
-do- Acc	86.96	92.65	+0.20	3.21
Portfolio	75.35	80.14	+0.27	2.83
-do- Acc	85.68	91.12	+0.30	2.83
Gold General	163.60	175.90†	-5.20	0.53
-do- Acc	167.30	179.90†	-5.30	0.53
Pacific	95.06	101.40†	...	0.82
-do- Acc	101.00	107.80†	...	0.82
UK Smaller Cos	53.52	57.09	+0.18	1.91
-do- Acc	59.72	63.71	+0.20	1.91

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
112 Eyre Street, Sheffield. S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 529 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	58.17	62.21	-0.16	2.75
-do- Acc	59.05	63.16	-0.17	2.75
British Dist	77.88	83.29	-0.36	2.01
-do- Acc	88.15	94.28	-0.41	2.01
European Gth	175.70	187.90	+1.30	0.24
-do- Acc	220.60	235.90	+1.60	0.24
Extra High Inc	70.45	75.35†	+0.05	6.00
-do- Acc	126.00	134.80	+0.10	6.00
FT-SE 100 Index	48.67	52.05†	-0.26	2.60
-do- Acc	49.40	52.83	-0.27	2.60
Gilt Fixed Int	97.52	99.87	+0.27	6.65
-do- Acc	153.50	159.80	+0.70	6.65
High Yield	223.70	239.30	-0.20	4.51
-do- Acc	525.20	561.70	-0.40	4.51
Income	280.80	300.30†	...	3.17
-do- Acc	593.60	634.90	...	3.17
Japan Gth	368.40	394.00	-4.00	...
-do- Acc	388.80	415.80	-4.20	...
Mandarin Acc	102.80	109.90	-0.30	0.75
North American	163.90	175.30	-2.50	0.40
-do- Acc	206.90	221.30	-2.90	0.40

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	268.10	285.20†	-2.70	..
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16†	+0.01	5.18
Deposit Acc	123.24	123.24†	+0.02	5.18
Euro Gth Acc	294.80	314.90	-1.90	...
Europa	126.40	135.60†	-1.30	...
Intl Gth	174.40	186.60	+0.20	...
Japan Tracker	83.47	88.43	-0.67	...
UK Equity Inc	153.30	165.20	+0.80	4.00
-do- Acc	189.00	202.60	+1.00	4.00
UK Ind Tracker	144.40	154.70†	-0.50	3.12
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.10	203.80	-1.30	1.45
-do- Acc	203.20	215.60	-1.40	1.45
Asian Trader	164.10	178.50	+0.90	0.44

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	167.90	171.60†	-1.90	2.18
European	61.70	63.01	-0.80	1.60
Olympiad	56.71	58.22†	-0.03	0.20
Global Bond	47.96	48.51†	-0.09	6.27
Smaller Cos	67.21	70.22	+0.08	1.16
Equity Income	93.73	96.39	+0.46	4.53
UK Growth	85.01	87.69	+0.35	1.64

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	47.12	50.26	-0.33	1.15
Australian Acc	323.70	347.30	-6.20	...
Conscience	62.14	66.31	+0.11	1.22
-do- Acc	67.08	71.59	+0.14	1.22
European	171.80	182.70	+1.20	1.14
-do- Acc	184.80	196.50	+1.20	1.14
Extra Income	73.43	78.36	-0.03	5.67
-do- Acc	112.70	120.20	-0.10	5.67
Far East Gth	173.50	185.40	+1.70	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.99	62.25†	+0.28	6.36
Gold	58.89	63.32	-2.07	...
-do- Acc	63.42	68.19	-2.22	...
Income	53.01	56.54	-0.10	4.97
-do- Acc	162.20	173	-0.30	4.97
International	30.21	32.41	-0.15	0.68
-do- Acc	43.41	46.57	-0.22	0.68
Jap Sm Cos Acc	363.10	387.30	-4.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	201.70	216.20	+1.20	...
Smlr Cos Acc	24.87	26.74	-0.36	0.86
Special Sits	32.68	35.13	-0.04	1.76
-do- Acc	37.63	40.46	-0.04	1.76
Tokyo	92.02	98.15	-1.17	..
-do- Acc	92.95	99.14	-1.16	..

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5522

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	68.30	72.67†	-0.25	2.68
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.99	82.11	+0.14	5.73
N&P Higher Inc	201.30	214.20†	-0.10	4.53
N&P UK Income	103.70	110.40	-0.20	3.72
N&P Intl	90.91	96.72	-0.35	1.66
N&P Smaller Cos	72.19	76.80	-2.56	1.75

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	166.10	176.71†	+0.15	2.02
Global	298.58	317.64	+0.86	3.06
Growth	109.35	116.33	+0.10	1.93
Income	205.28	218.39†	-0.01	3.70
Intl Bond	132.91	141.16	+0.40	6.76

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	139.20	146.50	+0.40	2.56
-do- Acc	246.70	259.60	+0.70	2.56
Income	225.90	240.30	+0.50	3.42
Intl Equity	229.90	244.50	...	0.79
-do- Acc	251.70	267.70	...	0.79
Equity	219.80	233.80	+0.60	2.43
-do- Acc	450.60	479.40	+1.20	2.43
UK Intl 25 Acc	71.11	75.64	+0.12	1.94
UK Income	61.69	65.62†	+0.13	3.02
UK Smllr Co Acc	76.40	81.28	+0.30	1.46
New Europe Acc	62.47	66.45	+0.80	1.06

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	96.95	103.69	-0.36	0.16
PEP Gth Inc	103.74	110.96	-0.14	1.34
Intl Gth	507.22	542.49	-1.42	0.67
Income	318.70	340.96	+3.39	3.24
W wide Recov	323.07	345.54	-0.92	0.39
American Gth	207.89	222.35	-3.91	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	193.04	206.46	-1.07	0.20
Far East Gth	232.88	249.07	-2.14	0.05
European Gth	118.07	126.28	+0.52	1.39
UK Growth	79.97	85.54	-0.29	2.86
High Income	86.36	92.37†	+0.37	4.36
Japanese Gth	228.23	242.88	-2.51	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	182.70	194.30	-0.10	0.66
High Income	111.40	118.60	-1.60	3.57
Conv Gilt	111.70	118.80	+0.20	5.73
Far East	332.10	353.30	+4.40	0.06
Global Inc Acc	32.61	34.69	+0.07	4.92

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	50.48	53.70†	-0.51	0.20
Emerging Mkts	65.89	70.10†	-0.55	0.54
General	48.77	51.88	-0.21	3.14
International	86.09	91.59	-0.58	1.31
Gilt Units	26.78	27.61†	+0.16	7.21
Global PEP	35.82	38.11	-0.17	2.03
Income Gth	66.22	70.45†	-0.22	4.65
European	44.28	47.11	+0.08	0.64
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.75	26.33	-0.12	5.94

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	31.89	34.10	-0.06	1.65
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.76	102.26	+0.01	4.48
-do- Acc	105.91	106.43	+0.01	4.48
Pru Equity	661.79	707.79	-2.99	2.64
Pru Equity Inc	81.05	86.68	-0.37	4.42
Pru European	178.19	190.57	+2.06	1.15
Pru Global Gth	80.61	86.21†	-0.33	1.34
Pru High Inc	86.69	92.71†	-0.44	4.86
Pru Intl	165.77	177.29†	-0.71	1.12
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.48	76.44	-0.40	0.67
Pru Japanese	211.06	225.73	-2.84	...
Pru Nth Amer	143.91	153.91	-1.65	0.83
Pru Pacific Mkt	80.06	85.62†	+0.44	1.16
Pru Premr Inc	51.02	53.12†	+0.12	5.09
Pru Smllr Cos	81.54	87.20	+0.16	2.15
Pru Spec Sits	98.43	105.27†	-0.29	3.54
Pru UK Grwth	111.08	118.80	-0.35	2.42

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA Income	158.38	169.44	+1.07	3.53
FA Japan	293.90	312.64	-1.20	...
FA Maj UK Cos	93.22	99.56	+0.20	2.51
FA America Inc	498.28	531.22†	-0.23	0.85
-do- Acc	581.79	620.26	-0.26	0.85
FA Smlr UK Cos	270.48	292.66	+1.59	1.60
FA European	257.26	272.53	+3.51	1.37

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	72.62	77.26	-0.79	3.65
Capital Units	146.80	156.20	+0.50	1.26
Commodity	120.30	128.00	-1.70	0.96
European Gth	161.70	172.00	+2.00	1.14
Financial Sec	180.40	191.90	+0.20	1.32
High Return	213.80	227.40†	+0.30	3.74
High Yield	209.20	222.60	+0.50	4.01
Income Units	110.30	117.30†	+0.30	4.69
Investment	184.50	196.30	+1.10	1.31
Japan Gth	165.30	175.90	-0.80	..
Japan Smaller	191.80	204.00	-0.40	...
Masterfund	47.67	50.71	+0.18	1.26
Scotbits	265.00	281.90†	...	1.46
Scotshares	254.30	270.50	+0.30	2.71
Scotyields	228.20	242.80	+0.30	3.87
Select Intl	133.20	141.70	-0.40	0.40
Smaller Cos	230.90	245.60	+1.00	3.85
Special Situation	110.80	117.90	-0.80	0.82
UK Equity	224.10	238.40†	+0.70	2.73
US Growth	139.40	148.30	-0.80	0.38

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enq: 0800 526 535
Broker Enq: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	236.74	251.87	-3.63	0.58
-do- Acc	256.50	272.89	-3.93	0.58
Australian	137.54	146.20†	-2.15	0.78
-do- Acc	162.66	173.50	-2.55	0.78
UK Enterprise	220.72	235.43†	-0.33	2.27
-do- Acc	257.93	275.12	-0.38	2.27
European Gth	63.07	67.06	+0.32	1.32
-do- Acc	65.51	69.65	+0.33	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	57.37	61.09	+0.38	0.44
-do- Acc	57.76	61.51	+0.38	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	74.04	78.97†	-0.84	...
-do- Acc	75.24	80.25	-0.85	...
Fixed Interest	55.33	58.33	+0.12	6.43
-do- Acc	67.19	70.83	+0.14	6.43
Gilt Income	107.26	113.03	+0.58	7.30
-do- Acc	149.80	157.87	+0.82	7.30
Income	332.65	354.82	-0.80	3.63
-do- Acc	981.21	1046.6	-2.37	3.63
Japan Enterprise	71.70	76.48	-1.08	...
-do- Acc	71.70	76.48	-1.08	...
Japan Smllr Cos	501.48	534.91†	-3.70	...
-do- Acc	502.49	535.98	-3.70	...
Pacific Gth	98.40	104.95†	-0.01	0.07
-do- Acc	101.31	108.06	-0.02	0.07
Smaller Cos	190.05	202.72	-0.55	0.79
-do- Acc	219.81	234.46	-0.64	0.79
Tokyo	114.99	122.65	-1.38	...
-do- Acc	116.15	123.89	-1.40	...
UK Equity	215.70	230.08†	-0.58	2.47
-do- Acc	404.44	431.41	-1.09	2.47
US Smllr Cos	135.71	144.75	-1.82	...
-do- Acc	135.71	144.75	-1.82	...
World Fd	72.02	76.82†	-0.26	2.03
-do- Acc	76.56	81.66	-0.28	2.03

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	47.43	50.51	+0.17	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.22	69.46	+0.66	1.04
European Opps	73.92	78.73	+1.08	1.22
Maximum Inc	97.66	100.18	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	54.03	57.54	+0.28	2.33

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	347.90	371.80	-1.30	2.78
American	249.20	264.70	-0.90	0.75
Pacific	349.90	374.20	-1.70	0.53
European	454.50	486.10	+5.90	1.15
Worldwide	82.09	87.80	-0.25	1.04

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	307.80	327.50	+1.40	2.64
UK Sm Cos Eqty	209.30	222.70	+0.10	1.61
European	337.00	358.60	+3.80	1.64
North American	257.50	274.00	-1.30	0.62
Income Plus Inc	69.84	74.30	+0.31	3.60
UK Spec Sits	68.88	73.28	-0.57	2.59

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	26.17	28.01	-0.07	2.61
Intl Growth Acc	30.36	32.50	-0.04	1.04
Market Ldrs Acc	26.53	28.40	-0.01	2.82

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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	‡102.70	...	+1.20	..
Global Bond	‡101.90	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	‡100.80	...	-0.90	..
UK Growth	‡102.30	...	-0.30	3.86

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	45.41	48.25	+0.30	1.55
Equity Gth Acc	62.40	66.31	+0.40	1.30
UK Eq General	42.77	45.45	+0.30	2.15
-do- Acc	56.48	60.02	+0.40	2.15
European Acc	42.65	45.32	+0.50	0.98
Far East Acc	59.02	62.71	+0.10	0.20
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.82	33.65	.	6.14
N American Acc	43.36	46.07	+0.10	1.08
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	292.20	317.10	+1.20	1.39
UK Eq High Inc	37.04	39.36	+0.30	3.69
-do- Acc	43.99	46.74	+0.40	3.69
UK Lgr Cos Inc	296.10	321.30	+2.40	3.71
UK Lgr Cos Acc	385.90	418.30	+3.20	3.71

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	NZ$3.61	NZ$3.83	...	1.24
US Eq	$2.142	$2.226	...	1.17
Far East Eq	Y240.3	Y255.2	...	...
Japan Eq	Y243.6	Y258.7	...	...
FT Europe	113.30	120.30	...	2.17
FT North Am	$1.713	$1.816	...	1.32
FT Japan	Y242.7	Y257.8	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.893	$2.011	...	1.52

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	344.20	367.10	-2.80	0.32
British	960.10	1015.8	-2.00	3.99
European	395.10	419.70	+0.10	1.38
Japan	154.90	164.40	-1.90	..
New Pacific	310.40	330.60	-0.10	0.98
Mngd Cash	95.67	95.67	..	5.20
Majority Stlg	99.87	100.87	+0.01	4.93
Inv Tst	198.10	210.00	-0.30	1.69
Saints PPP	381.60	401.70	...	..

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	739.40	790.80	-2.00	2.98
N America Acc	118.00	126.20	-1.30	0.26
Far East Acc	130.90	140.00	...	...
W wide Bond	61.73	65.53	-0.63	5.44
European	85.02	90.93	+0.93	1.15
Equity Income	85.06	90.97	+0.60	3.85

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	34.27	36.66	..	0.52
Managed Assets	120.59	128.98†	...	3.11
UK Income	37.40	40.01	...	3.08
UK Growth	37.10	39.68	.	2.39
Worldwide Gth	31.81	34.03†	...	0.31

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	208.45	221.76†	-3.73	0.09
-do- Acc	229.59	244.25†	-4.11	0.09
British Gth	87.15	92.71	-1.02	1.96
-do- Acc	102.54	109.08	-1.21	1.96
European	95.44	101.54†	-0.97	0.96
-do- Acc	101.44	107.91†	-0.22	0.96
Extra Inc	192.47	204.75	-0.37	4.16
-do- Acc	307.03	326.63	-0.59	4.16
General Unit	269.51	286.71†	-1.58	2.39
-do- Acc	538.24	572.60†	-3.15	2.39
Income	329.40	350.43	-0.59	3.68
-do- Acc	684.53	728.22	-1.24	3.68
International	497.89	529.67	-6.26	0.40
-do- Acc	651.79	693.39	-8.19	0.40
Pacific	356.72	379.49†	-4.26	..
-do- Acc	374.72	398.64†	-4.47	...
Premier Income	52.13	54.30†	+0.13	6.72
-do- Acc	110.20	114.79†	+0.26	6.72
Nat Resources	148.58	158.06	-3.51	0.02
-do- Acc	163.06	173.47	-3.84	0.02
Selected Opps	99.64	106.00	+0.68	1.26
-do- Acc	124.75	132.71	+0.86	1.26

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX
071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8645

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	69.51	74.14	-1.09	..
-do- Acc	71.69	76.46	-1.12	..
European Opps	61.95	65.88	+0.47	0.45
-do- Acc	62.59	66.57	+0.48	0.45
Far East Opps	158.82	167.48	..	..
-do- Acc	162.52	171.39	..	..
Japan	93.82	99.80	-1.56	...
-do- Acc	93.82	99.80	-1.56	..
Little Dragons	76.15	81.22	+0.41	0.61
-do- Acc	78.39	83.61	+0.42	0.61
Oriental Income	65.06	68.06	-0.27	3.31
-do- Acc	57.45	61.28	-0.34	3.31
Tiger	217.72	232.23	-0.02	1.13
-do- Acc	228.74	243.98	-0.03	1.13
UK Small Cos	82.12	87.82	+0.32	1.81
-do- Acc	95.81	102.46	+0.37	1.81

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasn Gold	21.47	22.84	-0.50	0.50
Pacific Basin	33.79	35.94	-0.40	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.16	37.40	-0.50	..
Global Bond	$0.975	$1.015	+0.005	7.13
Penny Share	25.60	27.23	..	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	53.09	53.09	...	5.04
Gilt Growth	69.85	72.69	+0.03	...
Gilt Income	53.39	55.56	...	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	110.00	111.40	-0.10	..
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	+0.000	..
Challenger	96.63	98.88	-0.47	..

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	69.88	74.34	+0.15	1.91

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,400	Cadbury	2,500	MB Cardn	779	Scot Power	1,600
Abbey Natl	2,400	Carlton Cm	989	Marks Spr	5,700	Sears	3,400
Alld-Lyons	1,900	Coats Vyla	4,700	NFC	2,600	Svrn Trent	579
Anglian W	1,200	Cm Union	792	NatWst Bk	11,000	Shell Trans	3,600
Argyll Gp	3,900	Courtaulds	1,000	Nat Power	4,800	Siebe	839
Arjo Wiggn	3,000	De La Rue	128	Nth Wst W	617	SmKl Bch	4,300
AB Foods	148	Enterpr Oil	1,800	Nthrn Fds	1,200	Smith Nph	817
BAA	2,400	Forte	6,600	P & O	1,500	Std Chartd	724
BAT Inds	5,700	GRE	1,100	Pearson	885	Sun Allnce	794
BOC	1,300	GUS A	364	PowerGen	1,600	TI Gp	1,300
BP	5,600	Gen Acc	914	Prudential	8,300	TSB	1,300
BT	16,000	Gen Elec	2,200	RMC	790	Tate & Lyle	1,100
BTR	4,400	Glaxo	5,200	RTZ	4,600	Tesco	4,100
Bk of Scot	1,800	Granada	2,000	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	1,500
Barclays	5,100	Grand Met	2,700	Reckitt Col	1,400	Thrn EMI	2,200
Bass	2,500	Guinness	1,600	Redland	1,800	Tomkins	4,100
Blue Circle	1,800	HSBC	3,600	Reed Intl	269	Unilever	1,300
Boots	5,800	Hanson	7,700	Rentokil	5,000	Utd Bisc	1,200
Bowater	1,100	ICI	1,200	Reuters	2,800	Vodafone	5,700
Brit Aero	494	Inchcape	1,200	Rothmans	2,300	Warburg (SG)	85
Brit Airwys	9,600	Kingfisher	4,100	Ryl Ins	1,300	Wellcome	2,200
Brit Gas	7,200	Ladbroke	8,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900	Whitbd 'A'	2,400
Brit Steel	5,100	Land Secs	2,600	Sainsbury	5,400	Wilms Hld	875
Burmah Cast	632	Legal & Gn	3,300	Scot Hydro	998	Wolseley	1,500
Cable Wire	3,200	Lloyds Bk	8,000	Scot & New	1,700	Zeneca	5,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3559.31 (-1.68)
S&P Composite 449.57 (-0.58)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20357.64 (+14.11)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7211.83 (+182.80)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 122.9 (+2.1)

Sydney: AO 1855.4 (+0.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1643.43 (+28.35)

FT 30 share: 2329.8 (+0.8)

Brussels:
General 6853.22 (+5.25)

Paris: CAC n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen 569.20 (+9.70)

London:
FT A All-Share 1458.93 (+1.68)
FT 500 1571.78 (-0.83)
FT Gold Mines 234.2 (-13.1)
FT Fixed Interest 119.68 (+0.49)
FT Govt Secs 99.88 (-0.59)
Bargains 34245
SEAQ Volume 799.5m
USM (Datastrm) 138.72 (-0.02)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 26	August 6	October 28	November 8

Call options were taken out on 3/8/93: Arlen, Burton, Costain, Division, Ferranti, Higgs & Hill, LIT prf, McCarthy & Stone, Medeva, Premier Land, QS Holdings, Ratners, Shandwick, Tarmac.
Put: Medeva. Puts & Calls: ASDA, BT p/p, LIT prf, Next, Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2957.0	2965.0	2938.0	2960.0	9843
Previous open interest: 52737	Dec 93	2976.0	2976.0	2966.5	2979.0	360
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.35	94.41	94.30	94.33	24346
Previous open interest: 358624	Dec 93	94.72	94.77	94.65	94.66	23192
	Mar 94	94.76	94.82	94.68	94.68	7060
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.62	96.63	96.62	96.64	375
Previous open interest: 14320	Dec 93	96.18	96.20	96.18	96.21	245
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.39	93.49	93.39	93.46	49063
Previous open interest: 661146	Dec 93	94.01	94.12	94.00	94.10	30405
Long Gilt	Sep 93	109-27	110-14	109-26	110-13	53819
Previous open interest: 92631	Dec 93	109-13	109-19	109-13	109-22	331
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.30	111.39	111.27	111.38	1715
	Dec 93	110.38	110.46	110.38	110.48	210
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	96.44	96.87	96.38	96.83	99754
Previous open interest: 197037	Dec 93	96.56	96.95	96.56	96.99	1352
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.06	100.39	100.02	100.36	5949
Previous open interest: 28152	Dec 93				100.51	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.37	93.49	93.31	93.43	2574
Previous open interest: 31538	Dec 93	94.00	94.15	94.00	94.08	1392
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.58	95.61	95.56	95.62	6152
Previous open interest: 48736	Dec 93	95.80	95.89	95.80	95.86	2656
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	107.90	109.25	107.79	108.85	39723
Previous open interest: 59764	Dec 93	108.20	108.80	108.00	108.32	915

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.8 (day's range 81.7-81.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8773-2.9007	2.8804-2.8839	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	54.53-54.92	54.53-54.69	13-23ds	21-33ds
Copenhagen	10.1750-10.2710	10.1850-10.2230	10-21ds	17-28ds
Dublin	1.0645-1.0675	1.0649-1.0672	1-6ds	6-14ds
Frankfurt	2.5607-2.5679	2.5607-2.5640	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	260.90-264.60	261.10-262.90	145-276ds	379-574ds
Madrid	208.43-211.16	208.63-209.08	97-137ds	250-301ds
Milan	2389.80-2413.50	2393.30-2398.00	7-9ds	19-22ds
Montreal	1.9269-1.9419	1.9374-1.9396	0.36-0.26pr	0.62-0.50pr
New York	1.4955-1.5065	1.5010-1.5020	0.38-0.36pr	0.97-0.94pr
Oslo	11.0380-11.1440	11.0500-11.0880	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.9230-9.0090	8.9230-8.9370	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	12.0100-12.0860	12.0230-12.0620	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	156.13-157.13	156.77-157.04	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.94-18.11	17.99-18.03	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2432-2.2576	2.2545-2.2576	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel   Premium - pr. Discount - ds

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4984-1.5010
Australia dollar	2.1759-2.1789
Bahrain dinar	0.558-0.570
Brazil cruzeiro*	108.16-109.41
Cyprus pound	0.7775-0.7875
Finland markka	8.6945-8.8105
Greece drachma	355.5-362.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.6341-11.6395
India rupee	46.57-47.53
Kuwait dinar KD	0.446-0.456
Malaysia ringgit	3.8405-3.8446
Mexico peso	4.60-4.70
New Zealand dollar	2.7139-2.7183
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.547-5.673
Singapore dollar	2.4210-2.4241
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7529-6.8876
S Africa rand (com)	5.0368-5.0433
U A E dirham	5.433-5.557

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4503-1.4513
Austria	12.0135-12.0235
Belgium (Com)	36.45-36.55
Canada	1.2904-1.2909
Denmark	6.7700-6.7800
France	5.9775-5.9825
Germany	1.7112-1.7122
Hong Kong	7.7535-7.7545
Ireland	1.4038-1.4048
Italy	1604.9-1605.5
Japan	104.35-104.45
Malaysia	2.5595-2.5605
Netherlands	1.9220-1.9225
Norway	7.4025-7.4125
Portugal	173.45-173.95
Singapore	1.6140-1.6150
Spain	139.00-139.20
Sweden	8.0423-8.0523
Switzerland	1.5045-1.5055

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5[illegible] week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 15.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.11-3.08	n/a	3.19-3.16	3.40-3.37	3.68-3.65
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993. Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	7[illegible]-7	[illegible]	10-9
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $406.75-407.25 Close: $403.00-403.50 High: $407.00-407.50
Low: $402.30-402.80 Krugerrand: $402.00-404.00 (£266.50-268.50)
Sovereigns: Old $94.00-96.00 (£61.50-63.50) New $94.00-96.00 (£61.50-63.50)
Platinum: $417.40 (£277.90) Silver: $5.37 (£3.57) Palladium: $143.75 (£95.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	550	46½	55½	64	11	20½	25
(*576½)	600	20½	29	39	35	46	50½
Argyll	300	37	41	48	5½	10	14
(*326½)	330	17½	23½	31	17	24	27
ASDA	57	9	-	-	3	-	-
(*65)	65	4	-	-	7½	-	-
Boots	420	48½	55	62½	6	13	16½
(*459½)	460	22½	29	38½	21	29½	33½
Br Airways	316	39½	46½	-	7	14	-
(*344)	345	21	30	-	18	26	-
BP	300	19	26	30	11	16½	20
(*307)	330	6½	13	17	29	32½	36½
Br Steel	110	10½	15½	16½	9	11	13
(*111½)	120	6½	11	14	13½	17	18½
C & W	800	42	57½	72½	28	39½	45½
(*800)	850	19½	34½	48½	58	67½	73
CU	629	24½	-	-	23½	-	-
(*642½)	677	7	-	-	58	-	-
ICI	667	33½	51	-	25½	33	-
(*674)	683	23	38	-	40	47	-
Kingfishr	632	36½	-	-	21½	-	-
(*645½)	650	26	42½	-	30½	37	42
Land Sec	600	52	60	71	7½	15½	22
(*639)	650	21½	33	43	28½	38	44½
M & S	330	36½	41½	47½	4½	9	11
(*359)	360	16	23	29½	15½	21	23
Nat West	460	52	62½	67	5½	11	17½
(*505½)	500	25	37	42	19	26	34½
Sainsbury	460	39½	48½	58	11½	18	22½
(*480)	500	17½	26	37	30½	38	42
Shell	600	53½	61½	67½	6	13½	22
(*647)	650	17½	32	36	27	35	44½
Smkl Bch	420	34	44½	53	14½	24	28
(*437½)	460	15	26	33½	36½	45½	49
Storehse	200	13	17½	21	9½	14	16½
(*209½)	220	5	9	12½	23½	26½	28½
Trafalgar	101	8	-	-	7½	-	-
(*99)	110	4½	-	-	14½	-	-
Unilever	950	66	82½	95	14½	25½	37
(*961½)	1000	35	52	66½	35½	48	62
Zeneca	600	47½	59½	67	15	23	34½
(*639½)	650	19	33½	38	41½	51	63
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	37½	48	52½	9½	18	23½
(*412½)	420	18½	31	36	21	33	37½
Ladbroke	180	22	24	28½	7	12	17½
(*196)	200	10	16	18½	18½	23	29
Utd Bisc	360	37½	46	51	10½	17	25
(*386½)	390	19	29	34½	24½	31½	40½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	750	35	62	67	1½	15½	23
(*788)	800	3½	32½	39½	22	37	46½
Thames W.	500	8½	26½	31	5½	21½	25½
(*503)	550	1	7½	12½	50	56	58
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	450	11	33½	46	3	15½	21
(*458½)	500	1	12	22	43½	47½	51
BTR	360	24	30½	38	1	7½	11
(*384)	390	2½	13	21½	10½	22½	25
Br Aero	390	34½	59½	73	2½	23	33½
(*420)	420	12	40	58½	11	37	48½
Br Telecm	390	35	36½	39	1	7	12½
(*424½)	420	7	16	22	4	19½	26
Cadbury	460	15	31	43	3½	16	22
(*473½)	500	1	13	24	31½	41½	46
Guinness	460	11	31	42	5	20½	27
(*466)	500	1	13	24½	36	45	50½
GEC	330	26	35½	40½	1	5	9
(*355)	360	3	17	22½	8	16½	21
Hanson	220	19	22½	25½	1	5	9½
(*236½)	240	2	10½	14½	6	13½	18
LASMO	130	7½	15½	20½	2½	9½	13½
(*134½)	140	2½	10½	16	8	15½	18½
Lucas	140	8	15	21	2	9	12
(*146½)	160	1	7	10	15	22½	25½
Pilkngtn	140	5	14	15½	2	8	15
(*142)	160	1	5½	7	19½	21½	26
Prudential	300	15½	23½	31	1½	11	14
(*313½)	330	1½	8½	16	18	28	31
Redland	500	9	30	42	7½	30	36½
(*507½)	550	1	11	23	51	64	66
Royal Ins	347	17	29	30½	1½	12	15
(*333½)	346	2	14	22	16	27½	30½
Tesco	200	12½	20	29	1½	8	12
(*213½)	220	2½	10½	18	10	17½	22
Vodafone	460	19	42½	52	3	17	25½
(*480)	500	2	22½	32	26	35½	46
Williams	300	27	33	40	1	9½	13
(*326½)	330	4	15½	25½	8½	24	27½

FT-SE INDEX (*2945½)

	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050
Calls						
Aug	159	106	67	25	15	4½
Sep	169	126	91	60	35	21
Oct	184	146	110	81	54	36
Nov	200	163	129	101	76	55
Dec	218	-	149	-	94	-
Puts						
Aug	5½	9	17	36	68	108
Sep	10	24	36	56	82	119
Oct	24	35	50	69	97	129
Nov	34	46	66	86	113	142
Dec	40	-	77	-	123	-

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	12½	25	34	12	19½	25½
(*401½)	420	2½	12	15½	34	37½	43½
Amstrad	30	6	7½	8	1½	2½	3
(*34½)	35	3	4½	5½	3	4	5
Barclays	460	41½	53½	61½	5	13	19
(*498)	500	13	29½	38	22	30	37½
Blue Circ	240	11½	19½	26	11	21	24½
(*260)	250	4½	12	15	25½	33½	37
Br Gas	300	13½	19½	25	6½	15	18
(*306)	330	3½	7	12	26	34½	36½
Dixons	200	21	30½	35½	4	9½	14
(*217)	220	9½	20	25	12	19	22
Forte	200	17½	23½	29	4½	10½	14
(*214)	220	6½	13	15½	14½	21½	24½
Hillsdwn	140	13	18	22	4	5½	12½
(*146½)	160	3½	7½	13	16	21½	24
Lonrho	130	9½	16	20	6	11	14½
(*130½)	140	5½	12	15½	12	16	19½
Sears	100	5½	8½	11	3½	5½	7
(*103)	110	2	4	6	10½	12½	13½
Thrn Emi	950	37	64½	76½	16½	31	43
(*963½)	1000	11	36½	52	46	57½	68½
Tomkins	220	16½	24	29½	4½	10½	13½
(*232)	240	6	14	19	15	20½	24
TSB	200	9½	16½	20½	9	13½	17½
(*214)	220	2½	6	12	23½	26	30
Wellcome	650	54½	76	99	11½	33	39
(*690)	700	23½	49½	61½	33½	58	64½
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	500	47½	57½	69½	7½	24½	36
(*534½)	550	15	32½	46	30	51½	62½
HSBC	650	36	57	75½	18	35	53½
(*670½)	700	12	34½	52	50	63½	80½
Reuter	1400	82	126	158	35	57	80
(*1457½)	1450	51	98	130	47	80	102
	Series	Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	140	11	15½	15½	6	12½	14
(*145)	160	2½	7½	10	19½	24½	26½
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	22	24	25	6	10	14½
(*169½)	180	10	13½	15	17	22	25½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	500	15	36	44½	2	14	21
(*512½)	550	1	13	20	39½	42½	46
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	360	13½	25½	30½	12	19	22½
(*359½)	390	3	13	17½	32	36	39½
Scot Pwr	330	7½	16½	20½	12	17	22
(*334)	360	1½	5½	-	25½	30½	-

August 3, 1993 Tot: 29095 Call: 18041
Put: 11054 FT-SE Call: 4881 Put: 3365
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa has held up well, despite the devaluation of the French franc, which could have led to a flood of west African sales. In fact a paucity of activity has been seen which would suggest that most of the selling has already been done. Traders are now awaiting the results of the pod counters who will give an indication of the 1993/94 crop size.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Sep	760-759	Dec	834-833
Dec	775-774	Mar	848-843
Mar	790-789	May	859-855
May	800-799	Jul	874-865
Jul	810-808		
Sep	821-818		Volume: 4036

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1086-1085	May	1076-1072
Nov	1090-1088	Jul	1078-1065
Jan	1079-1078	Sep	1080-1065
Mar	1075-1073		Volume: 1837

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	270.0-68.7
Spot: 277.5		Aug	274.0-73.2
Oct	263.0-62.0	Oct	265.5-63.7
Dec	262.5-62.5	Dec	267.5-63.7
Mar	267.0-65.6		Volume: 1174

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	73.11	92.11	130.81
(+/-)	-2.01	+2.15	+1.05
Eng/Wales	71.58	92.29	129.56
(+/-)	-2.32	-2.15	-1.68
(%)	-1.2	-0.2	-11.8
Scotland	79.34	91.42	133.90
(+/-)	-0.10	+2.17	-0.90
(%)	-14.0	+4.7	-5.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	99.0	99.0	Nov	102.0	102.0
Sep	97.0	97.0			Volume: 17

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.75
Nov	106.05
Jan	108.10
Mar	110.00
May	112.15
	Volume: 324

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.75
Nov	102.15
Jan	104.75
Mar	107.00
May	108.15
	Volume: 114

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	174.00
Oct	175.00
Dec	176.00
Feb	177.00
Apr	178.00
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	82.5	84.2
May	unq	94.8
		Volume: 47

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 59.75-60.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market continued to wallow with no distinct idea about future direction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.50	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.55	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.60	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.75	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.05	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid:	Offer:
Premium Gas .15	192 (-2)	194 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	157 (-2)	158 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Aug	158 (-1)	159 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	160 (-1)	161 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	161 (-1)	162 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Aug	157.50-57.75	Nov	163.25-63.50
Sep	158.50-58.75	Dec	165.25-65.50
Oct	161.00-61.25	Jan	166.75-67.00
			Vol: 11778

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.58-16.60	Dec	17.04-17.07
Oct	16.74-16.76	Jan	17.12-17.17
Nov	16.89-16.92		Vol: 13864

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	181.75-84.50	Nov	unq
Sep	183.00 SLR	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 330

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1306	1305	1305
Sep 93	1335	1330	1340
Oct 93	1385	1380	1383
Nov 93	1396	1395	1393

Vol: 77 lots. Open Intrst. 3034 Index 1333 -4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1941.0-1941.5	1942.0-1943.0	140825
Lead ($/tonne)	389.50-390.00	403.00-403.50	11925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	923.50-924.00	940.00-940.50	234350
Tin ($/tonne)	4832.0-4833.0	4885.0-4887.0	9465
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1213.0-1214.0	1236.0-1236.5	163125
Nickel ($/tonne)	4914.0-4915.0	4965.0-4970.0	28998

Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 2. Dealings end August 13. §Contango day August 16. Settlement day August 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	402	+10	11.5	3.6	15.3
263	179	Allied Irish	263	+3	...	4.3	13.4
183	130	Ans New Z	182	...	...	5.0	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2937½	-68¾	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	235	+2	...	5.7	17.3
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
160	116½	Bank Scotland	160	+3	4.5	3.6	31.9
499	362	Barclays	490	+13	...	3.8	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19	...	...	...	...
517	395	Cater Allen	515	...	27.0	6.6	...
132	85	Cattles	132	+1	...	4.0	17.6
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2131½	-9½	...	...	...
2237½	1343½	Citicorp	2237½	...	...	...	...
389	250	Close Bros	389	+2	...	3.1	17.3
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£122¾	-50	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£287½	...	...	2.1	...
94	45	First Nat Fin	85	-1	...	...	...
1634	876	Fuji Bank Y	1634	...	...	...	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	453	+8	...	0.3	...
671½	490	HSBC	671	+6	21.5	5.9	12.0
657	474	HSBC HK	656	-14	19.0	3.5	18.1
375	243	Hambros	375	-10	19.0	3.6	15.7
363	313	Joseph (L)	348	+1	14.0	4.7	17.3
155	96	King Shaxson	138	...	16.6	6.0	...
457	312	Kleinwort Ben	457	...	9.0	8.2	...
591	492	Lloyds	542	+7	16.0	4.4	15.8
81	63	Lon Scot Bk	81	+3	18.4	4.2	15.5
481	322	Nat Aust Bk	481	+½	3.0	4.6	16.1
510	398	Nat West	510	...	...	4.2	16.7
408	270	Provident	408	+13	17.5	4.3	30.6
47	39	Rea Bros	41	+3	11.4	3.5	17.7
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	293	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
1118	467½	Schroders	1118	+7	8.8	3.8	...
855	576	Stand Chart	850	+25	...	1.2	22.3
208½	145½	TSB	204	...	20.0	2.9	...
173	78	Union Disc	173	...	6.4	4.0	...
777	529	Warburg SG	765	+5	...	...	...
269	185	-do- 6% 'A'	267½	-5	...	3.1	19.3
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7612½	-200	...	2.8	...
184	121	Westpac	184	...	...	1.4	...
280	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	4.1	...

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	577	+2	...	4.5	15.6
647	441	Bass	483	-2	18.9	4.9	10.5
299	189	Boddington	268	...	7.3	3.4	15.6
420	362	Bulmer (HP)	424	...	...	3.0	18.5
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	140	-1	4.7	4.3	11.7
372	261	Devenish (JA)	372	+1	7.8	2.6	21.0
105	75	Eldridge P 'A'	102	...	...	4.0	27.0
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	57½	...	...	4.7	8.0
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	398	...	7.4	2.3	17.1
480	383	Grand Met	413	-5	12.3	3.7	13.6
427	347	Greenalls Grp	358	-1	11.7	4.1	11.9
563	505	Greene King	549	+5	...	2.8	15.5
516	437	Guinness	467	+1	...	3.2	16.6
281	230	Hardy Hansn	260	...	7.9	3.8	14.4
125	105	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
342	255	Highland Distl	328	...	6.0	2.3	21.8
3138	2538	Holt J	2925	...	41.0	1.8	19.1
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	270	+3	...	3.2	15.4
186	157	Macallan-Glen	159	-2	0.9	0.7	35.7
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
855	655	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
283	231	Mrston Thmp	275	+3	...	2.5	16.6
432	328½	Matthew Clark	430	...	...	5.0	...
300	253	Mrrydwn W	273	+8	7.0	3.3	...
545	455	Morland	525	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount	9¾	...	...	2.1	17.3
166	145	Regent Inns	165	...	...	3.4	16.5
975	753	SA Breweries	964	-11	...	2.8	16.0
482½	408	Scot & New	447	+3	...	4.7	13.9
225	181	Taunton Cider	209	...	6.0	3.6	17.1
248	213	Vaux Group	240	+3	9.3	4.9	16.5
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	276	-2	...	2.2	22.3
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	506	-1	...	4.4	13.7
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1115	...	...	2.0	28.0
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	513	+3	11.4	2.8	14.4
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	114	...	...	5.5	25.8
99	65	Amec	89	...	3.0	4.2	16.5
9½	4	Anglia Sec	9	+1½	...	...	...
241	155	Ashstead	241	+5	4.5	2.4	...
142	101	Attwoods	103	...	5.0	6.1	14.9
240	180	BPB Ind	229	-1	...	4.1	39.4
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	103	...	1.2	1.5	18.7
56½	32½	Bardon	43½	-1	2.0	5.7	21.4
158	94	Barratt Devs	157	-1	2.0	1.6	17.5
412	305	Bellway	391	...	...	3.8	22.7
32	15	Bellwinch	32	+2	...	...	...
423	286½	Berkeley Gp	408	...	...	1.8	25.6
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
273	189	Blue Circle	261	-4	...	5.4	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
121	83	Br Dredging	116	...	5.2	5.6	25.7
83	45	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	132	+1	4.8	4.5	28.2
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	286	+9	...	3.2	18.2
43	21	Cakebread Rby	21	-2	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	33½	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	129	...	...	4.0	34.1
70	38	Crest Nicholson	62	+2	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	92	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dumonde	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	16	...	0.5	3.9	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	44	...	0.3	1.0	...
443	252	Eve Group	423	...	...	3.0	...
6½	3½	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	41	...	4.3	...	16.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	+2	...	...	...
915	605	Gleeson (MJ)	910	+3	12.7	1.8	14.8
125	90	Hewden-Stuart	125	+3	...	3.2	28.4
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.3	33.4
311	186	Heywd Wms	308	-1	12.5	5.1	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	96	+1	3.5	3.3	...
35	26	Flow Gp	28	+1	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
79	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	272	...	9.0	4.1	10.9
111	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	110½	...	...	7.3	...
83	55	Ln Clydeside	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.7
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	13½	-2	...	...	6.2
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.5
143	93	Marley	143	...	4.2	3.7	41.9
95	61	Marshalls	92	+2	...	5.4	63.4
175	122	Maunders (J)	158	...	4.9	3.9	14.5
214	96	McAlpine (A)	201	+3	6.5	4.0	34.8
40	23	McCarthy & S	31	+1	0.3	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	360	-2	...	3.5	36.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	110	-1	4.0	4.5	...
108	51	NSM	107	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
169	106	Newman Tnks	168	+5	...	5.9	22.4
300	197	Persimmon	266	...	8.6	4.0	27.1
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	114	+2	3.4	3.7	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti	3½	...	...	...	...
815	555	RMC Gp	792	-1	...	3.2	31.2
117	75½	Raine Ind	84	-1	6.0	8.9	14.0
36	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
521	402	Redland	510	+5	25.0	6.1	29.7
79	64	Rosiel	77	...	4.3	7.0	11.3
286	207	Rugby Group	274	-5	6.4	2.9	21.0
42	23	Svrfd-Rvce	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
183	86½	Sheffield Insl	183	...	...	3.7	44.9
124	82	Sheriff Hldgs	124	...	...	2.0	18.5
95	66	Shorco	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	3.2	9.3
6½	2½	Starmin	4¾	+½	0.3	8.8	...
144	103	Tarmac	144	+1	5.5	4.8	...
194	137	Tay Homes	157	...	5.8	4.7	10.0
120	63	Taylor Woodrw	115	-1½	1.0	1.1	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	584	...	33.0	7.1	19.0
39	19	Torex Hires	37	...	...	1.4	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	233	+2	8.0	4.3	41.0
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	...	...
74	41	Vibroplant	65	+6	2.5	4.9	22.9
65	20	Ward Hldgs	49	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	140	...	5.0	4.5	21.8
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	400	...	8.7	2.7	27.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	176	+2	3.9	2.8	30.5
187	104	Wimpey G	177	+1	...	3.7	...
47	25	YRM	34	...	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	563	-7	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	205	...	12.0	7.3	...
92	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	51	...	2.0	4.9	...
178	125	Asito Sec	159	...	...	4.2	28.5
129	84	BET Ord	139	+2	...	3.1	5.2
93	41	BNB Res	88	...	4.9	7.0	...
318	258	BPP	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
285	200	Barbour Index	200	...	8.0	5.0	...
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	229	...	...	2.2	19.1
26	11	Broadcastle	24	...	...	...	19.1
73	54	Brooks Service	59	+1	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	96	...	2.8	3.7	...
178	139½	Capita Group	162	...	...	1.6	25.2
45	31	Casket Plc	41½	+½	...	2.4	15.8
23	18½	Chiltern Capital	19	+½	...	...	...
51	26	Chrisde	45	...	...	...	...
340	228	Chubb Sec	333	-1	...	1.8	20.7
96	18	Coroact	85	...	...	2.2	21.2
30	6½	Corp Services	25	-1	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnsltg	50	...	...	...	...
97	50	Dart	97	+3	3.3	4.3	13.2
232	198	Davis Service	232	+3	...	4.3	17.5
106	85	EW Fact	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	22	-½	0.6	...	18.6
246	215	Hays	239	-1	4.6	2.4	23.5
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	210	...	...	3.9	15.3
70	36	Holmes Protectn	37	...	...	...	2.4
190	127	Hutch Whamp	185	+1	...	2.6	15.7
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	3.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	542	-3	...	3.2	18.8
863	669	Johnson Clean	824	...	25.7	3.9	18.0
12	2½	Lep	8¾	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mide Gp	236	...	...	3.5	1.9
1187	893	Manpower	999	+22	...	...	...
51	40½	Michael Page	51	...	1.8	4.4	21.7
279	190	Penna	190	...	...	6.6	7.1
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	116	+1	...	12.9	6.4
423	330	RCO	339	-6	12.8	5.2	11.5
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
108	43	Reed Executive	98	...	...	...	...
150	110	Reliance Sec	110	...	...	5.3	...
238	178	Rentokil	194	+2	2.3	1.5	24.2
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	224	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	346½	+7½	...	2.8	19.0
35	26	Scott Pickford	27	+1	...	3.7	8.6
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select App	5½	...	...	...	...
993	695	Serco Gp	988	+3	14.0	1.8	27.3
352	135	Sherwd Comp	145	-63	...	6.0	4.2
130	90	Skerchley	98	...	...	3.8	22.4
355	310	Warner Howrd	323	+4	6.5	2.5	16.9
45	27	Welpac	35	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	243	...	...	2.2	21.4
838	613	Amersham	829	+4	...	2.0	28.7
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3¾	...	...	...	...
£102½	8325	BASF DM	9887½	...	...	3.3	...
283	199	BTP	264	+1	...	4.4	18.2
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£114½	...	...	4.6	...
178	134	Blagden	156	...	9.5	7.6	16.8
165	93	Brent Chems	102	...	...	9.1	9.3
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	350	...	...	...	...
14	12	Caird Gp	14	+1½	...	11.9	38.9
153	126	Canning (W)	130	-1	7.2	7.0	14.9
608	504	Courtaulds	566	+8½	...	3.1	15.0
295	228	Croda	289	...	...	3.4	18.9
149	121	Doefics	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209	...	7.0	4.2	...
33½	15½	Euro Colour	32½	...	0.8	3.1	19.9
309	259	Halstead (J)	309	...	...	2.4	15.5
241	194	Hickson	214	-1	...	4.7	19.8
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£107	...	...	3.3	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	210	+8	...	2.2	19.3
710	608	ICI	674	+3	...	5.2	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
668	576	Laporte	620	+14	19.5	3.0	17.1
221	181	Leigh	201	+2	...	5.0	18.9
97½	35	MTM	42	...	...	...	...
1775	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1775	+12½	...	1.6	25.2
450	370	Paterson Zoch	450	...	11.4	3.2	19.4
400	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.6	17.3
296	228	Plysu	279	...	...	3.8	14.9
243	173	Porvair	241	...	3.6	1.9	26.0
14	7	Suicliffe Speak	13½	...	...	...	...
475	412	Wardle Storeys	412	...	16.0	4.9	16.6
490	395	Wlsnhlme R	475	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	330	Yorks Chem	330	-16	...	2.8	18.0
306	238	Yule Catto	254	+4	5.9	2.9	15.5
646½	503	Zeneca	641½	+6½	...	5.4	37.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	60	+1	...	6.3	...
87	42	Amber Day	66	...	3.1	6.0	17.8
330	257	Argos Plc	329	...	...	2.7	29.1
25	12	Ashley Group	15	...	...	4.7	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	103	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	290	...	5.1	2.2	20.1
134	96	Austin Reed	118	...	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.1	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.0	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	255	+5	...	1.0	30.5
35	22	Blacks Leis	30	+4	2.3	9.9	...
227	133	Body Shop	216	-2	...	1.0	27.0
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½	+½	...	0.6	7.7
401	318	Brown (N)	378	...	...	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	77	-3½	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	3.4	18.0
360	295	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	30.5
183	97	Clinton Cards	140	-3	4.2	3.8	16.9
248	212	Coats Viyella	244	...	...	3.7	28.7
112	78	Colourvision	94	-2	5.6	7.5	...
680	374	Courts Furnish	676	...	5.5	1.0	8.4
159	115	Crown Eyes	138	...	...	5.4	6.4
120	80	Dairy Farm Intl	114	+3	...	3.0	18.1
78½	57½	Dewhirst (IJ)	76½	+½	1.0	1.6	24.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	217	...	...	3.6	...
413	320	Dunhill	331	+4	8.1	2.0	13.6
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbledon)	505	...	16.0	4.1	16.9
153	71	Essex Furn	151	-1	...	2.3	25.6
255	203	Etam	254	+1	6.9	3.4	21.3
595	499	Fine Art Dev	595	...	12.7	2.7	19.4
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	37	-2	...	...	...
543	498	Formminster	538	...	14.0	3.3	...
156	24	French Conns	128	-24	...	...	...
68	43	Gent SR	68	-2	2.0	3.8	19.4
59	23	Goldsmiths Gp	56	...	0.3	0.7	...
3613	2400	GUS	3613	...	...	1.5	28.3
2008	1563	-do- 'A'	1991	-9	...	2.8	15.5
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hamstone	55	+2	...	6.4	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	24	+1	2.0	10.5	11.3
70	39	Heritage	70	...	...	...	...
85	35	Honeysuckle	64	...	...	2.0	9.1
122	63	Jacques Vert	122	+3	3.0	3.1	...
650	496	Kingfisher	646	+1	...	2.7	21.2
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	610	-5	7.2	1.5	71.8
320	241	Lloyds Chem	244	...	5.5	2.8	9.6
152	120	MFI	140	...	...	3.4	28.0
365	311	Marks Spencer	359	-3	...	2.8	19.7
507	445	Menzies (John)	500	...	...	2.7	14.0
225	135	Moss Bros	225	...	5.5	3.1	26.4
192½	139½	Next	191	-½	2.5	1.6	22.8
40	15	Oliver (G)	32	...	...	...	...
270	197	Oriflame Intl	270	...	...	4.6	...
63	44½	Pentos	45	...	1.5	4.2	9.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	210	-2	5.1	3.1	15.0
41½	11	Ratners Group	34½	...	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	33½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147	+2	...	2.2	13.2
108	93	Sears	103	...	...	4.2	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	432	-3	13.4	3.9	15.2
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	201	-1	...	3.1	25.9
191	148	T & S Stores	156	+1	5.9	4.7	11.6
133	71	Tie Rack	132	+1	1.0	0.9	21.6
220	160	Time Products	203	+1	7.5	4.6	17.5
100	63	Usher (Frank)	98	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	114	+1	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wid of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	183	...	...	2.7	24.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
176	134	ACT Group	176	+1	...	3.6	17.7
240	223	Acal	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
162½	38	Acorn Compu	111	-2	...	...	56.3
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
151	104	Alba	151	...	...	4.1	18.5
48	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	+½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holo	68	...	...	...	...
48	13	Arlen	36	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	69	...	...	...	1.1
293	250	Beales Hunter	254	...	9.2	4.6	13.4
9	3½	Bennett & Fountain	5½	...	...	...	...
435	319	BICC	432	+1	19.2	5.6	20.3
575	447	Blick	449	...	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland	1250	...	...	...	...
349	274	Bowthorpe	348	+1	6.3	2.3	22.7
445½	378	BT	424½	+6	...	4.7	19.6
181	150	BT P/P	180	+5½	...	4.4	20.8
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	...	0.1	1.1
160	110	Burnfield	138	...	...	5.7	5.2
826	669	Cable Wireless	799	-17	...	2.3	25.7
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	...	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
115	74	Comptr People	113	...	0.6	0.7	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	153	...	...	1.2	15.4
397	243	Critchley	393	...	...	1.9	...
549	414	Delta	549	+2	...	3.2	22.6
340	205	Dermans Ele	340	...	...	2.2	14.5
620	398	Domino	598	-1	7.2	2.3	13.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	...	2.5	5.4	19.1
1080	805	Druck	1025	...	10.0	1.2	...
442	358	Electrocomps	441	...	...	2.2	18.0
580	470	El Data Prc	550	...	5.7	1.2	15.1
108	45	Electron House	108	...	2.6	3.1	...
30½	10½	Emess	28	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	582	+3	8.0	1.7	26.5
152	108	FKI	149	-1	...	2.5	21.8
448	340	Farnell Elect	442	-3	...	1.8	23.4
90	33	Feedback	85	...	...	2.1	11.7
18	9½	Ferranti	12½	+½	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	247	...	1.0	0.5	...
270	81	Forward Grp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
357½	264	GEC	355	-½	...	3.6	18.0
182	132	Graseby	181	+1	...	7.5	38.1
11½	7½	Graystone	9	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hitchens	36	...	...	...	...
169	83	INSTEM	145	...	...	1.7	11.7
388	330	Jones Stroud	365	...	...	2.3	10.4
19	8	Kenbrey	16	...	8.8	3.1	...
323	260	Kenwood App	304	+3	0.1	1.2	...
216	47	Kewill Syss	187	-3	5.8	2.4	...
207	100	Kode	188	...	...	...	...
60	16	Laser-Scan	43	-1	5.5	3.7	22.3
365	122	LBS	248	...	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	...	0.4	...
179	134	Life Sciences	138	+3	9.0	4.1	...
269	166	Logica	235	...	3.5	3.2	15.0
54	14	LPA Ind	45	...	3.6	1.9	22.7
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	188	...	...	9.8	12.7
683	523	Macro 4	658	-2	4.3	2.9	17.0
630	527	Memtec	617	...	...	2.4	22.1
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1870	-28	...	2.3	...
227	147	Microgen	148	...	7.2	6.1	10.1
34½	23	Microvitec	26	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	516	-5	7.0	1.7	...
437	98	MMI	325	+13	...	...	...
170	108	MMT Compu	126	...	...	3.5	16.0
38	16	Molynx	31½	...	1.3	5.2	...
272	202	MTL Instr	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	105	Multitone Elect	121	+1	3.5	3.6	...
191	116	Murray Enter	191	...	1.8	1.2	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5950	-137½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
189	58	Norbain	181	...	...	1.0	...
75	20	Northamber	53	...	0.6	1.4	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11	-½	...	...	...
278	195	Oxford Inst	278	+4	4.5	2.0	18.9
83	48	P-E Internl	67	...	1.0	1.9	...
81½	29	P & P	69	+1	1.4	2.6	36.2
80	55	Peek	70	...	3.4	6.1	18.3
190	115	Pegasus	168	+1	...	4.7	43.1
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1112½	725	-do- Lmp NV	1112½	+37½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	251	...	...	...	...
528	343	Pilco	524	+1	7.7	1.9	44.4
503	303	-do- 'A' Voting	499	+1	7.7	2.0	42.3
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
104	76	Pressac	103	...	2.4	2.9	20.8
135	98	Psion	104	+2	...	3.0	27.6
251	160	Racal Elect	246	...	4.2	2.2	14.6
70	45	Radamec	56	...	...	3.3	12.0
70	36	Radius	42	+6	2.7	...	14.5
92	61	Real Time	75	...	...	5.2	...
35	18	Riva	29	...	...	...	36.8
629	380	Sage Gp	424	...	9.0	2.7	13.6
342	222	Sanderson Elec	317	+4	9.0	3.5	13.5
78	49	Scantronic	76	...	3.1	5.1	19.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	270	Sema Gp	365	...	2.8	1.0	29.6
39	26	Silvermines	39	+2	...	3.5	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2550	-62½	...	1.1	31.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits	16½	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	146	...	0.8	0.7	34.1
976	809	THORN EMI	964	+3	...	4.1	19.7
111	96	Thorpe FW	104	...	2.5	3.0	10.7
108	65	Total Systems	65	...	3.0	5.8	11.5
445	372	Tunstall	445	...	6.0	1.7	17.8
278	164	Unitech	270	-5	6.1	2.9	...
11½	6	Verity	8½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29	...	...	1.6	16.6
488	367	Vodafone	482	-3	...	1.8	21.8
444	388	Volex	444	...	17.8	5.2	17.8
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	254	...	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	389	East Midlands	497	-2	...	4.9	9.3
523	399	Eastern Elect	513	-3	...	4.7	10.2
362	304	Hydro-Elect	355	-3	...	4.1	12.6
525	404	London Elect	515	-1	...	4.7	11.4
564	458	Manweb	558	+1	...	4.7	8.1
532	424½	Midlands Elec	524	...	...	4.8	9.4
375	273	National Powr	360	-11	...	3.7	10.9
560½	440	Northern Elec	552	+1	...	4.8	8.0
145	100	Nthn Ireland	144	+1	...	4.7	8.9
550	439	Norweb	540	+4	20.0	4.6	8.4
401	273	PowerGen	389	-7	...	3.4	10.3
339	285	Scottish Power	334	-4	...	4.3	12.1
575	436	Seeboard	558	+1	...	4.5	9.0
582	469	Sth Wales	572	+4	...	4.9	9.5
532	426	Sth Western	517	...	...	4.8	12.4
537	406	Southern Elec	520	-4	...	4.7	9.5
562	455	Yorkshire Elec	549	-3	...	4.6	10.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	30	Aitken Hume	59½	...	1.0	2.5	...
106	47	BWD	101	...	...	4.0	15.8

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
91	26	Baltic Plc	91	+1	...	1.4	...
500	413	Caledonia	500	...	...	3.8	18.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
288	243	Candover	285	...	10.2	4.5	20.2
126	71	Flexrch	125	+3	...	0.5	...
300	193	Goveit	308	...	...	4.0	9.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	149	...	...	5.5	14.0
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
217	154	Lon Forfaiting	217	+1	8.4	5.0	15.4
64	47	Manakin	64	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9	+½	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
286	246	Rathbone Bro	286	...	6.0	2.6	17.4
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22	+½	...	4.5	13.1
330	255	S & U	268	...	10.0	4.7	...
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	...	2.6	4.9	...
975	738	Sotheby's	788	...	...	4.8	...
149	83	SJP Capital	149	+2	3.0	2.5	61.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2275	1487½	Amer Express	2200	-3½	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	908	+5	...	5.8	20.0
160	92	Investco	160	+2	...	2.3	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	210	-4	...	3.4	10.3
216	154	MAI	211	-1	6.0	3.6	15.3
583	389	MAM	583	+10	15.0	3.2	14.6
865	633	M & G	865	+13	...	3.1	23.0
270	109	Smith New Crt	262	+5	...	2.9	4.0
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	484	-2	14.0	3.6	11.1
77½	53	ASDA Group	64½	...	...	3.1	14.8
273	170	Acatos & Hutch	273	+4	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	65	+1	3.7	7.2	10.8
407	287	Argyll	326	-2	...	4.2	12.0
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	124	...	...	8.1	2.5
220	160	Banks (S C)	213	-2	9.0	5.3	...
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crsps	69	-1	...	5.2	15.5
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	409	-2	...	6.6	42.1
52	35	Borthwick	47	+½	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	501	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	45	...	1.0	2.8	...
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	474	+2	...	3.5	17.6
109	78	Carrs Milling	109	...	3.9	4.5	21.8
196	156	Cranswick	170	...	...	5.9	12.7
22	8½	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	...
384	150	Dalepak	165	+1	6.0	4.7	...
491	424	Dalgety	456	+3	19.5	5.3	13.3
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	198	+1	...	3.5	18.8
134	90	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
340	269	Farepak	338	...	5.7	2.1	...
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	68	...	...	7.6	22.6
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	364	+18	8.1	2.8	16.4
12	7	Global	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	...	...	4.3	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	147	-1	...	7.5	11.6
250	205½	Iceland Group	220	...	...	1.9	19.6
131	103	JLI Group	103	...	4.6	5.6	...
853	655	Kwik Save	675	-8	16.0	3.0	12.9
262	174	Low (Wm)	176	...	8.4	6.0	8.5
59	41	Matthews (B)	59	...	2.2	4.8	38.6
19½	12½	Mercanti Retail	15	...	1.1	9.6	29.2
174	124	Morrison (W)	145	+1	...	0.7	18.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	528	...	13.6	3.2	15.3
280	242	Nthn Foods	269	+1	...	3.9	13.4
22	12	Nrthmbrn Fns	13	...	...	...	5.4
220	172	Nurdin Peack	209	...	...	3.7	12.0
250	205	Park Foods	220	...	6.0	3.4	...
115	78	Perkins Food	83	...	...	6.6	9.0
96½	47	PizzaExpress	82	...	...	0.8	47.1
9	1½	Regina Hlds	4½	...	...	...	...
594	436	Sainsbury J	479	-8	...	2.6	16.8
83	33	Semny Farm	83	+5	...	2.3	14.9
225	105	Sims Food	105	-6	...	8.9	20.2
439	357	Tate & Lyle	398½	+1½	12.0	3.8	12.6
273	195	Tesco	214	+½	...	4.1	9.9
211	123	Thorntons	143	...	3.6	3.2	13.3
183	101	Treatt	180	...	...	3.0	17.0
375	300	Unigate	372	+2	...	5.4	12.2
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	387	+7	...	4.9	18.4
25	20	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.1	14.8
337	248	Watson & Phil	265	-3	13.3	6.3	13.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Abrdn Stk Fla	12	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	81½	+2½	1.5	2.4	19.7
231	170	Forte	213	-1	...	4.4	16.7
220	155	Friendly Hotels	205	-5	5.7	3.5	39.1
9½	5	Harmony Leis	9½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	105½	+1½	...	0.7	...
215	154	Ladbroke	197	+7	11.1	7.1	16.8
73	59	Mandarin Ornd	71	+2	...	4.4	19.0
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cnpr	85	...	...	7.5	11.0
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	...	3.4	9.6
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	56	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	78	-7	...	14.1	4.8
616	455	AAH	477	...	...	4.5	15.3
177	140	AIM	172	...	7.5	5.5	...
132	88	APV	99	-1	...	6.8	...
233	81	ASW	218	+3	...	3.4	...
183	124	Adwest	183	...	7.0	4.8	26.0
28	10	Aerospace Eng	24½	+1	...	...	14.9
518	434	Airsprung	481	...	9.0	2.3	...
147	113	Alendra W	145	...	3.8	3.3	40.1
13	6	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
46	17	Alvis	39	...	1.0	3.2	8.0
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	41	...	...	...	...
107	78	Amagen	81	...	...	...	...
145	88	Andrews Sykes	88	...	...	6.3	...
945	703	Antofagasta	945	...	...	2.1	17.5
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	+2	6.4	5.2	15.6
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3¼	...	0.0	2.0	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	510	...	...	4.0	20.3
245	168	Assoc Nursg	245	...	...	0.5	15.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
177	147	BBA	167	+1	...	5.7	14.0
65	28	BLP Group	46	...	...	...	...
27	13	BM Gp	17	...	...	...	...
770	635	BOC	682	-2	23.2	4.3	15.0
79½	62	BSG	69	...	...	5.8	24.0
487	353	BSS Group	424	...	...	5.1	25.4
386	318	BTR	384	...	...	3.5	22.0
221	155	BWI	160	-1	6.7	5.2	15.4
43½	31	Babcock	43	+½	...	6.1	25.7
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	263	+8	8.9	4.2	18.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	662½	-25	...	5.2	3.7
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	+1	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beaufort	7½	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham	6½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	16½	...	...	0.1	0.8	15.2
707	461	Bespak	512	...	10.0	2.4	...
133	73	Bibby (J)	97	+1	9.7	...	5.7
312	129	Billam (J)	256	...	5.0	2.4	12.9
41	21½	Bilston Bursen	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5	...	0.6	...	...
160	118½	Birkby	160	+8	...	2.8	...
45	32	Black Arrow	37	-1	2.6	9.2	...
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	176	+2	3.9	2.1	18.1
323	129	Bluebird Toys	285	...	...	2.0	17.8
293½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.3	1.6	...
563	416	Boots	459	+2	...	3.6	17.0
61	42	Booth Inds	47	...	0.7	1.9	...
517	435½	Bowater	469	...	11.5	3.1	18.5
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1341	-29	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	241	-1	...	1.9	18.0
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	0.5	4.6	...
268	204	Brammer	267	+1	13.0	6.1	19.9
22	12	Bridgend Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
119	64	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	72.9
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	39	-1	...	8.1	9.6
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	54	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	528	...	...	2.5	18.2
115	54	Br Steel	111½	-3	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	110	...	...	3.4	30.8
17	11½	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.3	...
268	215	Br Vita	247	...	7.1	3.6	15.2
14½	7½	Britton Grp	14½	...	...	1.6	...
730	553	Broken Hill	695	...	...	2.6	33.0
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	99	...	...	5.6	12.9
10½	5	Brooks Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
120	91	Bullough	119	+2	6.0	6.4	20.4
26	13	Business Techn	14	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	21	...	1.0	6.0	20.2
25	11	Campbll & Arm	13	+1	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	28	+½	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	241	...	...	5.4	16.3
245	178	Carclo Eng	242	...	8.6	4.4	17.2
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2463	-25	...	2.6	...
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70	...	...	4.3	11.4
198	158	Castings	198	+1	4.3	2.7	14.0
145	113	Chmbrlin Hill	136	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
707	605	Charter Cons	673	+10	...	4.1	15.9
295	220	Chemring	286	...	...	3.6	17.2
92	47	Chieftain Gp	49	...	5.1	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	33	+2	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	184	...	...	1.0	...
61	34	Claybithe	60	+2½	2.5	5.2	...
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
7	1	Co Designers	7	...	0.2	...	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	325	-10	6.8	2.6	...
223	179	Community H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
246	186½	Concentric	210	...	...	4.3	17.7
209	120	Cook (Wm)	200	...	5.0	3.2	11.9
220	182	Cookson	216	-2	...	3.5	28.6
63	38	Copymore	61	...	...	2.0	18.6
238	130	Crowd Pkr 'A'	134	...	5.7	5.3	11.4
178	92	Cosalt	114	-1	10.7	...	17.4
224	150	Creighton Nt	172	...	...	5.3	16.7
48	27	CrossCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	56.3
3737½	2893½	Dana	3681½	-53½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	225	...	...	0.6	21.4

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231	193	David Brown	230	...	...	3.4	15.6
18	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	685	+2	...	3.1	18.2
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	+2	0.9	4.6	20.7
529	391	Diploma	528	+2	9.7	2.3	27.3
77	50	Dobson Park	71	...	5.7	...	12.8
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	111	...	5.0	5.6	...
78	57	-do- 'A'	75	...	5.0	8.3	...
16½	8	EPG	12½	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	391	...	...	3.9	15.5
28	19	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elcto	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2062½	...	...	2.7	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
434½	394	Eng China Cl	450	-6	...	5.6	24.7
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3000	...	...	1.0	...
53	32	Eurocopy	49	+1	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	71	+1	...	5.7	17
673	499	Fairey Group	671	...	10.2	1.9	20.7
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	57	...	...	2.2	13.4
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
39	23	Ferrum	34	...	2.5	13.0	16.8
51	28	Pife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	147	Fisons	170	-3	...	6.4	19.7
53	29	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	11.8	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	70	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
218	166½	Frost Group	210	...	4.0	2.4	8.8
85	71	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	...
496	434	GKN	490	...	...	5.2	32.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	5.3	...
160	103	Gestetner	119	-4	8.2	8.6	5.2
36	21	Gieves	30	...	...	...	21.7
801	509	Glaxo	531	+3	17.0	4.0	14.6
38	16	Glenchewton	32	-1	...	...	...
316	245	Glynwed	309	+2	11.6	4.7	29.1
101	66	Goode Durrant	101	+2	5.4	6.9	...
134	102	Grampian Hld	126	...	5.5	5.4	22.2
427	341	Granada	408	...	7.7	2.4	21.3
407	301	Great Shrm	394	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernst)	90	...	...	9.7	12.4
19½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.5	11.6
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	53½	...	...	4.7	19.3
83	44	Radleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	216	...	8.6	5.0	18.0
263	215	Halma	263	...	...	1.3	26.5
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	1.6	5.4	...
265½	222	Hanson	236	-1½	...	6.0	12.0
221	187	Harris (Philip)	208	...	...	4.1	12.6
192	147	Harrisn Crsfld	192	+3	9.0	6.0	27.2
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	384	+1	14.8	4.8	16.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
154	112½	Hill & Smith	152	...	...	4.6	21.2
10½	6½	Hobson	9	...	...	...	...
144	87	Holders Tech	144	+1	...	5.3	18.5
49	30	Hopkinsons	47	-1	1.3	3.5	19.4
167	133	Hornby	148	...	...	7.6	14.0
13½	5	Hospital Crp	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
82	54½	Howden	79	-1	2.2	3.5	...
249	173	Hunting	245	...	...	5.1	20.7
430	269½	Hanigh Tec	423	...	...	3.0	10.8
295	247	IMI	289	...	...	4.3	24.7
112	90	ISA Intl	105	-1	1.5	1.8	16.3
205	158	Intercare Gp	158	...	...	2.1	16.7
255	235	Isotron	245	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
528	363	Jardine Math	498	+16	...	3.4	19.3
537	425	Johnson Mtth	498	+1	...	2.6	21.4
64	47½	Johnson & FB	48	...	3.0	7.8	14.8
177	104	Johnston	154	...	3.2	2.6	...
31	19	Jones Shipman	22	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
73	26	Kalamazoo	71½	...	2.1	3.7	...
178	73	Kalon	152	...	...	2.6	21.1
287	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	525	...	22.0	6.4	27.2
236	75	Kleeneze	226	+44	...	...	...
145	81	LGW	143	...	3.0	2.6	11.9
336	266	Laird	330	...	...	4.0	16.3
153	110	LiBexball	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.9
153	97	Lincat	148	+3	...	4.3	12.8
19½	4½	Lincoln Hses	17½	...	...	...	14.4
128	76	Linread	115	...	3.7	4.1	17.8
213	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	8.8	...
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	-1	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Ind	196	...	9.4	6.0	...
135	70	Lonrho	130	-3	...	3.8	...
366	269	Low & Bonar	365	...	...	3.1	50.7
343	265	MB-Caradon	299	...	...	3.6	23.2
169½	135	-do- pf	146½	+½	7.2	6.2	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	29	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	37	...	...	8.4	38.1
50	39	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
198	168	Macfarlane	198	...	...	2.0	22.4
443	379	McKechnie	443	+10	14.7	4.2	22.0
106	85	McLeod Russel	96	-1	6.0	7.8	11.7
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	+½	...	...	24.6
86	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
24½	20½	Marling	22	...	...	3.7	...
184	124	Mayborn	184	+1	...	3.4	15.3
55	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	2.8	45.9
236	97½	Medeva	112	+3½	...	2.5	9.1
113	88	Meggitt	110½	+1	...	4.3	18.8
120	98	Metalrax	120	+3	...	3.8	19.4
76	70	Metreca	76	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midsares	75	+2	...	1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	24½	...	0.5	2.6	...
488	368	Molins	454	...	...	3.9	11.8
345	262	Morgan Crble	298	-1	...	5.3	15.9
182	134	Morris Ashby	182	+1	...	3.7	...
31	18	Nerpsend	26	...	0.7	3.7	...
60	34	Nexor-BNA	58	...	3.1	6.8	13.9
191	122	Nobo Gp	186	...	4.8	3.2	...
167	122½	Norcros	163	-1	...	5.4	23.8
51	35	Novo Group	45	-1	...	3.7	14.1
413	310	Nu-Swift	330	...	...	...	...
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	29½	+½	1.7	7.4	...
140	123	PCT	125	...	...	7.3	14.2
48	36	Pacer Systems	36	...	...	10.6	...
138	101	Pentland	105	...	...	2.0	14.3
385	310	Photo-Me	375	...	4.4	1.5	19.1
144	97½	Pilkington	142	-1	...	3.5	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
154	125	Polypipe	129	...	1.9	1.9	18.6
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	36	...	...	4.3	16.5
11	5½	Porth Gp	11	+½	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	346	+3	...	2.4	18.0
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group	49	-2	2.2	5.7	10.6
95	73	Radiant Metal	75	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	124	+10	...	1.0	41.5
799	636	Rank Org	742	+14	31.0	5.2	20.3
33	23	Ransomes	23	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	574	-1	...	3.5	20.8
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reeve	4½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	186	...	4.9	3.3	22.3
303	208	Renishaw	253	...	6.5	3.2	19.4
84	55	Renold	84	...	...	1.5	...
1460	1240	Reuters	1458	+18	21.2	1.8	24.1
38	24½	Rexmore	37½	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
135	91	Ricardo Group	135	+8	5.7	5.3	37.9
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
85	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	19.2
128	109	Ropner	118	+1	8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	+1	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	26	Ross Gp	26	...	0.6	3.1	10.6
172	131½	Roteck	172	+1	...	2.7	22.7
155	89	Rubicon	155	...	...	3.3	...
65	43	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SEP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
937½	625	SKF 'B'	912½	...	...	...	...
47	39	Saville Grdn (J)	47	...	2.2	6.1	...
248	205	Scapa	220	+4	...	3.2	16.8
238	192	Scholl	212	...	...	3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	980	...	2.6	0.3	37.3
668	562	-do- 'A'	660	+1	2.6	0.5	25.1
565	465	Security Serv	555	+7	5.0	1.1	27.5
114½	77	Senior Eng	114	...	...	3.5	19.0
361	289	Seton Health	292	...	...	2.5	17.2
68	42	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...

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133	88	Shiloh	128	...	2.9	2.8	13.8
344	281	Sidlaw	294	-1	...	4.3	18.8
524	427	Siebe	524	-1	...	2.4	19.3
335	220	Silentnight	335	...	...	3.0	19.7
124	102	Sime Darby	116	...	...	3.6	14.3
142	32	Simon Eng	47	...	5.0	13.3	10.8
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	37	...	...	5.9	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	148½	-½	...	3.9	19.9
513	389	Smithkline	438	-3	8.6	2.5	15.7
450	340	Smthkline Uts	389	...	...	3.4	14.0
394	320	Smiths Ind	375	-1	11.2	3.8	15.3
140	63	Stim Bus	84	...	3.3	6.6	6.1
410	265	Spandex	393	...	...	2.1	17.5
650	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	345	...	...	3.4	21.9
145	44	Spring Ram	67½	-1½	...	0.6	18.5
270	222	Staveley	230	...	...	4.4	13.5
162	126	Sterling Ind	148	...	...	4.7	22.7
26	11	Stonehill	24½	...	...	...	...
174	97	Suter	174	+4	8.8	6.3	18.2
361	344	Swire Pacfc 'A'	340	+6	...	2.6	...
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Sytone	275	-3	9.4	4.3	...
363	279	TI	353	...	...	3.8	19.5
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
300	218	TT Group	287	...	6.6	3.0	17.1
249	220	Talcare	243	...	1.8	0.9	20.2
853	618	Takeda Chem	822	-12	...	0.5	21.8
56	34	Tex Hldgs	55	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	94	...	...	7.2	...
225	150	Titon	213	...	...	2.1	18.5
271	212½	Tomkins	232	+3	...	3.4	21.0
110½	67	Trafalgar H	99	-3	...	4.1	7.2
579	346	Transfer Tech	526	...	16.0	3.8	13.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	173	...	7.0	5.1	...
253	214	UniChem	217	+1	5.6	3.3	14.2
345	275½	Unidare	345	...	...	6.2	10.3
76	11½	Unigroup	70	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	984	-4	31.3	2.7	13.4
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6537½	-75	...	3.3	10.3
915	513	VSEL	875	...	...	4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	9	...	...	...	...
154	95½	Vickers	149	...	...	1.3	...
367	243	Victaulic	268	+9	...	3.6	13.2
411	283	Vinten	418	+8	...	2.1	19.5
658	425	Vosper Thorny	658	+3	...	3.0	15.9
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
468	364	Wagon Ind	395	+7	...	5.6	16.6
86	71	Walker Greenbk	82	+1	3.1	4.7	20.0
258	201	Wassall	239	...	2.5	1.3	24.1
36½	32	Wirfrd Wdgwd	34	...	...	...	...
367	291	Weir	367	...	...	2.0	20.7
993	600	Wellcome	690	+7	13.0	2.4	19.1
21½	19	Wellman	19½	...	0.9	5.8	31.8
300	260	West Hlthcare	297	...	...	1.6	19.1
510	460	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	305	...	...	3.3	11.8
62	27	Whitecroft	62	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	90	+1	3.5	4.9	26.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	327	...	12.5	4.8	17.1
34½	17	Wilshaw	33½	...	...	1.8	20.9
661	533	Wolseley	630	+7	12.5	2.5	21.8
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.2	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1668½	-25	...	3.8	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2081½	-12½	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	41	...	4.4	...	19.9
148	118	Bradstock	140	...	5.1	4.6	17.1
498	359½	Britannic	427	+2	...	3.3	...
644	550	Com Union	643	+7	...	4.7	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
30	18	FAI	30	...	...	...	...
679	546	Gen Accident	677	+6	26.7	4.9	...
309	160	GRE	204	-4	7.0	4.3	16.9
375	293	Heath C E	375	+2	...	5.3	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	216	...	8.1	4.7	19.6
218	164	JIB Group	214	...	7.5	4.4	21.7
513	408½	Legal & Gen	481	+7	...	5.0	20.2
1092	768	Liberty Life	1031	-61	...	2.8	17.9
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	423	+7	17.3	5.1	15.2
330	253	Lloyd Thomp	329	...	5.6	2.1	24.2
368	274	Londn & Man	335	-1	14.2	5.3	24.7
425	321	Lowndes Lmb	425	...	13.5	4.1	14.0
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5793½	-137½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	92	...	...	6.8	...
68	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	314	-2	...	4.7	20.9
1138	800	Refuge	963	...	31.5	4.1	26.7
335	248	Royal	334	+1	...	2.4	...
203	153	Sedgwick	208	...	6.0	3.7	24.5
261	205	Steel Burrill	241	+2	...	6.9	14.2
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.4
396	307	Sun Alliance	392	-1	14.2	4.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	55	...	...	...	...
321	239	Transatlantic	320	...	12.0	4.7	39.7
773	499	Utd Friendly	635	...	14.5	2.9	27.7
234	171	Willis Corroon	233	-1	...	3.5	50.1
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1733	1548	Alliance	1731	-2	45.0	3.2	37.9
264	226½	Amer Trust	262	-2	4.9	2.3	54.4
380	304	Ang & O'seas	379	-1	6.8	2.3	48.1
139½	124	BZW Conv	133½	...	7.8	7.3	15.6
170½	133½	Bankers	170½	+1	3.4	2.5	46.9
298	264	Baring Tribne	291	...	6.4	2.8	46.0
179	131	Berry Starq	179	...	2.2	1.5	58.2
107	96½	Br Assets	106	-1	...	5.0	25.9
76	57½	Br Empire Sec	76	...	0.8	1.5	77.1
26	14	-do- Wnts	26	...	...	...	...
183	156	Br Inv	181	-1	4.5	3.1	40.8
175	130	Contl Asset	175	...	2.4	1.7	58.2
195	143	Derby Inc	143	...	...	12.5	8.6
270	195	-do- Cap	268	+3	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	66	+1	8.4	15.9	7.3
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	73	...	1.2	2.1	...
130	84	-do- Far East	130	+1	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	115	-1	0.5	0.6	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	620	+1	25.4	5.1	28.5
96	94	-do- Japan	95½	+1½	...	...	...
50	38	-do- Warrants	50	...	...	...	...
649	513	-do- Wwde	645	-3	9.5	1.8	66.4
275	222	Dundee & Lon	275	+2	...	4.1	25.4
286	250½	Edinburgh	284	-2	8.4	3.7	31.1
261	183	Electra Inv	260	...	6.7	3.2	35.5
175	141	Electric Gen	174½	...	3.1	2.2	...
105	85	English Scot	105	...	...	...	...
278	205	European Asset	278	...	...	2.7	33.9
110	72	Flasbury 'A'	109	...	3.0	3.4	35.1
290	248	Fleming Amer	286	-2	0.7	0.3	...
211	100½	-do- Claver	211	...	...	3.2	41.6
294	212	Do Contl	283	-1	2.7	1.2	...
187	147	-do- Emrg	187	+2	4.7	3.2	...
301	213	-do- F East	297	+1	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	93	-do- Fll Inc	97	+½	...	5.7	16.6
246	136	-do- Japan	246	+1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	265	-2	6.7	3.2	56.7
265½	212	-do- O'seas	265	-½	4.0	1.9	63.3
244½	200	Foreign & Col	243	-1	3.3	1.7	66.2
211	164	-do- Eurotr	208	-3	1.2	0.7	...
112	87	-do- German	110	...	0.5	0.6	...
293	191	-do- Pacific	292	...	1.9	0.8	...
153½	116	-do- Smaller	153	...	1.8	1.5	77.4
255	145	GT Japan	255	+5	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	132	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	115	+1	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	136	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	286	+3	0.9	0.4	...
260	207	-do- Strategy	259	...	...	3.3	35.8
383	340	Greenfriar	383	...	...	2.1	57.5
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	53	...	0.6	1.4	...
138	124	Inv Cap	134	...	5.1	4.8	26.9
95	77	IAS UK Smllr	95	...	2.8	3.7	26.5
188	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	188	+2	5.0	3.3	36.6
221	176	-do- O'seas	220	-1	3.3	1.9	62.5
127	108	-do- Smlr	121½	...	4.0	4.1	28.5
625	540	Law Debenture	625	+2	18.2	3.6	31.2
190	164	Majedie	190	...	...	3.1	36.8

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
263	221	Merchants	260	-2	10.6	5.1	24.2
5925	3700	Merrill Lynch	5812½	-68¾	...	...	...
458	383	Monks Inv Tst	457	-1	...	1.8	57.9
128	105	Morg Gren Inc	128	...	...	4.3	25.4
38	25	Do Warrants	38	...	...	...	...
50	39	Murray Euro	50	...	0.1	0.4	...
14	4½	Do Wts	14	...	...	...	...
333	282	Murray Income	333	...	...	4.0	31.7
319	265	-do- Intl	314	...	11.4	4.5	28.3
350	263	-do- Small	349	...	4.2	1.5	...
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	99½	...	...	14.2	9.1
113	73	-do- S/C Cap	113	+1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2900	...	...	4.6	...
149	142½	-do- S/C DP	148½	...	...	...	...
281	230	-do- Vent	280	...	...	4.6	22.1
85	56½	New Frontier	85	+1	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	77	...	6.7	11.0	14.4
321	269	O'seas Inv Tst	321	...	2.8	1.1	...
396	295	Pacific Assets	394	+2	1.1	0.3	...
299	187	Do Warrants	299	+2	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8200	...	...	2.4	49.0
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	154	+1	1.1	0.9	...
123	108	River & Merc	118	+1	9.2	9.9	11.5
401	350	Robeco	401	...	...	3.3	...
401	346	Rolinco	401	...	...	2.0	...
265	214	St Andrew Inv	265	...	7.5	3.6	35.5
148½	131	Scot American	147	-½	...	4.0	30.8
209	136	Scott Asian	206	+3	...	...	...
465	225	do Warrants	465	+7	...	...	...
77½	63½	-do- Eastern	75	-½	1.5	2.5	49.3
213	183	Scottish	210	-2	4.6	2.8	43.6
203	178	-do- Mige	203	...	4.0	2.5	52.7
89	71	-do- Value	89	...	...	2.5	63.4
1530	1390	Second Allnce	1520	...	36.5	3.0	40.8
85	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85	-1	3.2	4.8	28.1
146	109½	Selective Asset	146	...	1.2	1.0	52.5
28	14	Sphere Inv	28	...	3.1	14.2	8.8
145	112	TR Far East	141	+2	4.5	4.0	30.7
146	126	TR City Of Lon	145½	...	4.7	4.1	30.5
154	110	TR Pacific	147	-1½	0.3	0.3	...
28	17	TR Property	27½	-½	0.9	4.1	29.1
76	47	TR Tech Inv	76	+3	1.7	2.9	28.2
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	177	-1	3.8	2.7	...
339	283	Temple Bar	336	+3	13.2	5.0	25.0
92	69	Thrmtn Asian E	92	+2	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	71½	-½	2.3	4.0	29.2
523	363	Throg Dual Cp	515	-3	...	...	...
213	178	USDC Invest	213	...	4.5	2.6	39.2
110½	76½	Value Inc Tst	110½	+1½	3.6	4.1	27.6
620	542	Whitbread Inv	619	-1	16.5	3.3	37.3
204½	181	Witan	203	-1½	5.6	3.4	35.6

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	269	Airtours	380	+4	7.2	2.4	13.5
64	52	Ald Leis	62	...	4.7	...	17.8
357	194	Anglia TV	335	...	...	3.5	15.5
103	63	Baldwin	75	+8	3.0	5.0	10.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	10.0	5.5	14.8
1200	950	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	136	...	...	3.1	...
16½	4½	Brent Walker	9½	...	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	...	...	...	...
292	150	Campari	138	...	...	10.9	...
300	171	Capital Radio	199	...	5.2	3.3	23.0
818	718	Carlton Comm	754	+3	17.0	2.8	22.2
200	158	Castle Comm	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1973	...	38.0	2.4	21.5
83	61	Chrysalis	68	-1	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	526	-16	...	3.1	15.7
350	175	Eurocamp	186	+2	9.7	6.6	7.7
1180	623	Euro Disney	665	+2	...	1.8	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	267	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	314	First Leisure	317	+2	6.1	2.4	21.8
515	298	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	231	...	6.1	3.3	16.0
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	-1	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	52	+1	...	...	23.1
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	49	...	...	5.1	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	+½	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	475	+1	...	1.3	22.0
475	327	Man Utd	435	...	18.0	5.2	15.0
148	59	Owners Abrd	61	...	3.5	6.7	5.3
86	33	The Pelican Gp	61	-1	...	2.3	...
180	55	Prism Leisure	150	-5	...	2.7	...
28	16	Quadrant Grp	28	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde	318	...	...	3.6	23.1
178	132	Ramsdens (H)	167	-3	...	3.4	22.2
553	431	Scot TV	524	+3	9.9	2.4	25.8
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
245½	168	Stanley Leisure	238	-2	4.3	2.3	...
10	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	349½	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.4	...
2	1	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	100	...	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
481	224	Ulster TV	475	...	10.0	2.6	14.6
101	62	Vardon	96	...	0.7	1.0	22.7
22	11	Wembley	14	-½	0.2	1.8	...
36	7½	Whitegate	35	...	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	199	...	12.0	7.5	6.0
119	83	Zetters Gp	118	...	8.0	8.8	...

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5375	-134½	...	3.9	25.9
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1500	-18½	...	6.2	7.5
2300	1125	Ang Am	2212½	-84½	...	3.2	18.3
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	28	+½	...	...	...
125	33	Blyvoors	121	+1	...	5.0	6.7
46	18	Bracken	38	-1	...	...	2.2
871	233	Buffels	787	-26	...	8.5	...
1½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	653	...	...	3.2	21.0
43½	11	Cluff Res	38½	-2	...	...	...
1300	762½	De Beers	1256½	-43½	...	3.8	16.9
165	37½	Deelkraal	146	-19	...	1.4	...
96	7	Doornfontein	70	-14	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	837	-23	...	3.6	...
709	120	Durban	663	-12	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	163	-18	...	7.1	4.6
270	54	E Rand Prop	232	-21	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	510	-30	...	2.4	11.9
899	292	FS Cons	833	-36	...	6.1	10.0
80	8	FS Dev	80	+15	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1531	-72	...	2.6	26.1
180	125	Gencor	164	-10	...	6.0	12.7
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	62½	...	...	2.2	15.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	17½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	162	-10	...	6.3	9.6
360	78	Harmony	338	-13	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	385	-40	...	5.1	...
14	8½	Inoco	13	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	964	...	...	...	21.8
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	1064	-36	...	4.8	11.3
913	319	Kloof	808	-44	...	2.8	...
137	25	Leslie	125	-12	...	3.3	12.6
219	13	Loraine	219	+3	...	...	...
800	620	Lydenburg	800	...	...	...	22.9
116½	81½	MIM	98½	...	...	2.3	44.9
1265	820	Minorco	1197	-56	...	3.1	14.2
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	135	...	...	3.7	20.9
2287½	610	Orange Free	2137½	-96½	...	6.1	16.4
709	607	RTZ	691	+4	...	3.8	26.0
637½	428	Rand Mines	637½	...	...	9.2	2.9
671	150	Randfontein	622	-49	...	4.8	...
192	115	Renison	182	+5	...	2.5	17.7
1200	860	Rustnbrg	1100	-12½	...	4.2	17.2
595	191	St Helena	564	-10	...	4.3	11.4
2368	475	Southvaal	2080	-88	...	2.8	36.0
109	18	Stilfontein	106	-2	...	3.6	12.6
201	58	Unisel	144	-6	...	2.1	14.0
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5737½	-187½	...	2.5	13.0
582	154	Welkom	551	-18	...	6.1	16.3
351	26	Western Areas	322	-12	...	2.2	...
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2450	-62½	...	2.6	11.3
283	176	Warm Mining	283	...	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	1011	-18	...	1.0	8.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	65	...	...	4.7	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	...	3.0	3.0	12.0
138	82	Appleyard	138	+4	5.2	4.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	280	+5	...	3.9	14.3
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	420	+1	7.0	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	49	+1	...	3.0	13.0
333	303	Caffyns	333	+5	11.5	4.3	67.4
11	4½	Caverdale	10	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	133	...	...	3.8	33.6
29	18	Cook (DC)	28	-1	...	2.7	...
265	156	Cowie (T)	263	-1	6.2	3.0	20.0
125	86	Dag Motors	117	-6	5.7	6.1	21.2
142	102½	Davngrt Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
283	155	ERF	283	...	2.0	0.9	...
131	92	European Mtr	129	...	3.5	3.4	...
332	208	Evans Halshaw	332	...	11.2	4.2	51.2
290	226	FR Group	263	...	...	3.4	12.3
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3650	+87½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3312½	+37½	...	1.5	...
65	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
193	85	Henlys	181	+1	3.0	2.1	...
888	650	Honda Motor	881	+9	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	92	...	4.5	6.1	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	149	...	...	2.8	26.6
412	281	Lex Service	397	-3	...	3.6	21.4
156	95	Lookers	156	...	6.2	5.0	...
152	126	Lucas	147	-3	7.0	6.0	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23	...	...	...	...
274½	234½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
193	106	Perry Gp	191	+2	6.0	3.9	...
175	108	Quicks Group	175	+2	...	3.2	22.4
153	99	Rolls-Royce	146	+4½	...	4.3	...
206	164	T & N	206	...	...	6.6	33.0
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	192	...	...	3.6	...
156	125	Vardy (Reg)	156	...	4.2	3.4	...
235	121	Westland	228	...	4.2	2.3	20.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	143	...	4.0	3.5	15.2
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	...
608	423	Blenheim Gp	475	-5	...	2.4	17.7
370	275	Bristol	340	+5	...	4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9425	...	130	1.7	21.2
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9400	...	130	1.7	21.2
305	251	Dorling Kind	287	+1	...	1.3	27.4
373	322	EMAP	337	-2	...	2.9	20.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1058	+5	29.5	3.5	23.8
237	170	Harrington K	211	...	4.5	2.7	17.2
383	333	Haynes Pub	383	...	6.0	2.0	16.5
355	345	Hodder H'line	345	...	5.0	1.6	29.3
140	99	Home Counts	120	+1	6.0	6.3	...
132½	30	Intl Bus Comm	129	...	...	...	18.7
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
365	240	Independent	365	+5	...	3.5	16.4
551	305	Johnston Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletin	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	88	Mirror Gp	156	...	...	...	...
394	297	News Corp	387	-5	...	0.3	26.0
240	169	News Intl	232	+6	...	0.5	16.1
494	354	Pearson	467	-1	...	3.2	28.5
675	510	Portsmith Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	661	-2	...	3.2	28.8
148	98	Southnews	142	...	...	1.8	28.3
162	90	Sterling Pub	158	...	...	2.4	17.1
401	328	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.4	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	815	...	25.4	3.9	...
378	313	Trinity Intl	372	...	8.7	2.9	22.3
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
597½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	554	+10	...	4.9	16.4

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	17	Aran Energy	29½	+1	...	...	28.5
61	37	Arcon Intl	38	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	66	+½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	73	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	179	+3	7.1	5.0	5.4
320	276	British Gas	306	-3	14.2	5.8	14.8
326	225	Br Petroleum	308½	-4	10.5	4.3	48.3
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	743	...	...	4.2	17.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	55	-2½	...	...	7.9
268	223	Calor Gp	250	...	...	6.0	20.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	48½	...	...	...	...
42	27	Copiex Res	42	+4	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	18½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	445	-5	16.0	4.5	54.9
88	40	Exp Co Louis	40	-1	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	+½	...	2.3	9.1
67	45	Goal Pet	55½	...	1.4	3.2	10.6
44	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	145	-1	...	0.9	13.5
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	133	LASMO	134½	+½	3.3	3.1	27.3
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Sea Res	10½	-1½	...	...	...

(continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
47	34	Monument	41½	-½	...	...	66.8
9½	4	New London	6	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	27	Oil Search	30	-1	...	...	...
15	11½	Petrofn	15	+½	...	...	...
126	99	Pict Pet	122	...	...	...	17.0
29½	18	Premier	24	-½	...	...	8.9
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
393	290	Ranger	310	...	...	5.2	...
6412½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6387½	-25	...	5.0	15.0
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4250	-34½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
647	515	Shell	647	+1½	21.9	4.2	19.9
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.0
13½	6½	Villers Grp	12	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	152½	...	...	2.4	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	128	...	...	5.1	11.6
331	249	API	303	...	7.5	3.1	26.4
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	205	-3	...	4.0	30.1
515	408	Abbott Mead	515	...	9.3	2.3	26.7
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	36	-½	...	4.8	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	105	...	...	3.1	17.7
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
375	234½	Bemrose	375	...	...	3.9	15.4
33	12	Birkdale	14½	...	0.2	1.7	12.3
138	118	Bunzl	134	-1	4.0	3.7	20.2
291	257	CIA Gp	291	...	...	1.9	18.4
222	93	Capital Inds	209	...	...	1.9	20.0
79	44	City of Lon	73	...	...	6.6	13.5
236	169	Crupper (Jmes)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Cons	6	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	91	...	1.6	2.3	12.2
117	94	Dolphin Pack	105	...	4.5	5.4	25.9
72	42	Dudley Jenkins	72	+4	...	5.5	...
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	...	...	3.0	19.1
73	41	Fairway Group	67	...	3.1	6.0	19.4
323	271	Ferguson Intl	311	...	...	5.0	14.1
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
124	74	Filofax	118	...	...	1.3	15.1
20	14	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
109	69	Gibbon Lyons	109	+2	...	5.7	...
295	247	Gold Greenlees	287	...	8.3	3.7	...
41	20	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	42	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	165	...	7.4	5.7	10.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
299	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
103	48	NMC Group	102	...	2.0	2.5	15.5
130	66	Osborne & Little	125	...	...	4.6	13.7
517	455	Portals	470	...	...	3.8	16.3
266	167	Quarto	255	...	5.3	2.4	17.9
347	287	St Ives Gp	305	-14	5.2	2.2	20.8
185½	142½	Saatchi	166	+1	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	416	-14	...	8.8	8.0
20	11½	Serif	18½	+½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	24½	...	...	...	...
394	294	Smith David	388	+3	10.0	3.2	...
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	254	+13	...	3.1	15.8
63	45	Sonic	63	+2	1.5	3.0	25.8
246	183	Stat-Plus	229	...	8.0	4.4	20.4
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
66	38	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	90	+2	...	1.4	3.4
156	62	Wace	137	...	...	2.1	...
236	203	Waddington (J)	236	+4	...	4.2	17.7
723	540	Watmough	708	...	11.5	2.0	27.8
7	4½	Westport	6	-½	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcks	26	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	...	2.2	15.2

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
82	41	Allied Lon	82	+5	3.5	5.4	70.8
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
92	52	Asda	92	+1	...	2.9	9.7
139	88	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.5
2637½	2062½	BCE	2250	...	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	600	+11	18.9	3.9	21.7
74	23	Bourne End	70	...	1.0	1.8	...
219	150	Bradford	216	...	5.4	3.1	21.9
23	5	Bredero	9½	+½	...	...	...
361	169½	Br Land	361	+1	...	2.4	32.9
233	140½	Brixton	232	+2	...	4.5	18.4
72½	42	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	...
157	99	Cap & Regnl	155	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
396	196	Chesterfield	396	+4	11.0	3.5	28.3
36	12	City Site Ests	31	+1	1.4	...	...
33	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rbist GS	42	...	...	1.5	...
1170	818	Daejan	1170	+5	27.0	2.9	...
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	82	...	3.0	4.6	...
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	478	+5	8.6	2.2	99.6
40½	10	Development Sec	37½	+½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	-1	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	18	...	...	...	...
204	132	Evans Of Leeds	204	+3	...	2.8	18.0
36	11	Five Oaks	30	...	...	...	...
60	30	Flecher King	59	...	1.0	2.1	...
422½	276½	Frogmore	417	+3	...	4.5	24.2
209	97	Grainger	185	...	5.2	3.5	41.4
199	116½	Gt Portland	194	+1	...	6.4	18.6
26½	7½	Greycoat	20	-½	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	142	+2	...	4.6	19.4
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	68	+2	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	358	...	10.0	3.5	36.2
663	245	-do- 'A'	327	-4	10.0	3.8	33.1
248	127	Helical Bar	248	...	...	2.4	8.9
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	57	...	3.7	8.2	14.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
639	435	Land Sec	639	+5	22.8	4.5	19.3
100	73	Lon Merch Sec	98	+2	4.0	5.1	...
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	4	...	...	...	...
475	315½	MEPC	468	-2	...	5.3	20.1
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	125	...	6.7	...	20.5
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	46	+3	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1250	+150	20.0	2.0	12.4
146	112	Macklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	...
10	3½	Ossory Est	7	+½	0.1	...	2.0
135	88	PSIT	130	-2	4.1	4.0	...
262	138	Peel	261	...	4.0	1.9	...
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.7
67	22	Property Trust	47	+8	...	...	...
47	43½	Regian	45	...	...	...	...
23	11	Regalian	19½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
44	16	St Modwen Prp	36½	-½	0.6	2.1	27.8
70	39	Savills	55	...	1.0	2.3	...
82	34	Scot Met	77	...	1.5	...	...
101	39	Shaftesbury	101	...	...	...	...
14	5	Shield	10	...	...	...	...
238	139½	Slough Estates	233	-2	...	4.3	16.3
82	56	Southend Prop	62	...	4.2	8.6	...
23	16	Stanhope Prps	21	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	174	...	2.1	1.5	61.5
120	79	Town Centre	120	+3	3.1	3.2	22.4
82	43	Trafford Park	82	...	2.5	3.9	22.1
66	3	UK Land	10	+1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
245	180	Warner	244	+1	10.5	5.4	22.3
188	168	Warnford	188	...	7.5	5.1	13.4
8	2½	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
78	35	Wates	77	...	0.7	1.3	...
78	40	Wood John Da	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
153½	84	Headlam	148	...	...	2.2	33.4
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	52	...	2.0	4.8	14.9
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	185	...	...	2.1	60.6
57	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	23.8	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	499	...	12.6	3.2	15.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	331	...	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	564	+6	13.6	3.0	15.4
53½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	219	...	...	5.1	16.7
33	22	Drummond	33	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	28	...	...	...	...
78	65	Faupel	78	+4	...	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	191	...	...	2.6	14.8
59	45	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	332	...	12.0	4.5	22.0
506	353½	Leeds	477	...	...	1.9	23.0
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	156	...	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	141	+1	2.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	93½	+½	...	4.6	17.0
53	35	SEET	41	+1	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	68	+1	1.8	3.5	16.3
51	37	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.0
62½	33½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
208½	126	Yorklyde	182	-3	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	459	-½	...	5.1	13.7
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	666	-3	11.5	2.2	13.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	429	+7	...	2.5	...
813	707	BAA	788	+5½	...	2.5	19.6
345	249	Br Airways	345	+4	...	3.8	19.0
106	56	Clarkson (H)	90	+7	1.5	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	428	+3	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	...
200	147	IoM Steam	198	...	...	5.1	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	29	...	0.3	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
2800	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2775	...	4.5	0.2	15.1
378	280	Mersey Docks	378	...	7.5	2.5	24.2
344	181	Natl Express	243	+1	...	3.7	17.4
284	230	NFC	249	+8	6.5	3.3	18.9
319	224	Ocean Group	318	+13	...	5.6	26.4
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
674	504	P & O Dfd	670	+5	...	5.7	36.4
153	127	P & O 5 1/2%	153	+1	...	4.5	...
558	448	Powell Duffryn	531	...	...	5.3	20.6
141	117	Seacon	138	...	...	4.6	8.7
141	112	Stagecoach	140	...	...	3.4	...
43	24	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	52½	-1	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	735	+20	11.8	2.0	28.2
382	173	Tiphook	233	+3	19.3	10.4	...
298	222	TDG	265	+1	...	4.5	8.8

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	456	Anglian Water	497	-5	...	5.3	10.1
652	547	Northumbrian	583	-3	...	4.8	6.0
533	431½	North West	485	-3	...	5.5	8.7
533	439	Severn Trent	504	-4	...	5.2	7.4
554	454	Sthrn Water	525	-6	...	5.1	8.7
1475	1325	Sth Staffs	1475	+12	47.0	4.0	10.5
569	465	South West	525	-5	...	5.6	8.6
563	454	Thames Water	503	-2	...	5.2	9.9
612	506	Welsh Water	584	-4	...	5.0	5.9
649	536	Wessex Water	599	-4	...	4.5	9.0
593	473½	Yorkshire W	505	-3	...	5.3	8.6

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99[31/32]	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.65
106¾	101½	Treas 13¾% 1993	102[9/16]	...	13.43	5.47
102[7/8]	101[9/16]	Treas 8¼% 1994	101[9/16]	...	8.38	5.42
106	105½	Treas 14½% 1994	105¼	-⅛	13.79	5.44
109¼	105[3/8]	Exch 13½% 1994	105[5/8]	-⅛	12.77	5.40
105[3/8]	103[3/8]	Treas 10% 1994	103[5/8]	...	9.64	5.39
110[1/8]	107[5/8]	Exch 12¼% 1994	107[5/8]	...	11.66	5.37
105[5/8]	103[3/8]	Treas 9% 1994	104½	...	8.62	5.40
111[1/8]	108½	Treas 12% 1995	109¼	...	11.00	5.49
96¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¼	+¼	3.10	4.81
109½	107[1/8]	Exch 10¼% 1995	108½	...	9.45	5.61
116[7/8]	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114[5/8]	+¼	11.12	5.77
120½	117[1/8]	Treas 14% 1996	118¼	+¼	11.83	5.87
125½	121[3/4]	Treas 15¼% 1996	122½	+¼	12.41	6.06
120[1/8]	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	118¼	+¼	11.22	6.04
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111[1/8]	+¼	8.99	6.15
122[3/8]	118[3/4]	Treas 13¼% 1997	121½	+¼	10.94	6.34
113½	110½	Exch 10½% 1997	113¼	+¼	9.29	6.30
108[7/8]	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108[3/8]	+¼	8.07	6.35
132[3/8]	127[7/8]	Exch 15% 1997	130½	+¼	11.51	6.63
112½	109[1/8]	Exch 9¾% 1998	112¼	+¼	8.70	6.53
103¼	99[7/8]	Treas 7¼% 1998	103¼	+⅜	7.03	6.43
100½	97[1/8]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100½	+¼	6.69	6.49
101	125½	Treas 14% 1998-01	128½	+¼	10.93	7.01

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138[3/8]	133[1/8]	Treas 15½% 1998	137[1/8]	+¼	11.30	6.80
122½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	121½	+⅜	9.85	6.96
112½	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	112½	+¼	8.47	6.77
124[3/8]	120[3/8]	Exch 12¼% 1999	123[3/8]	+⅜	9.89	7.03
117[3/8]	112[7/8]	Treas 10½% 1999	116[7/8]	+¼	8.99	6.91
117[3/8]	112[7/8]	Conv 10¼% 1999	116½	+¼	8.80	6.94
110[7/8]	106	Conv 9% 2000	110[7/8]	+⅜	8.12	6.91
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	130[7/8]	+⅜	9.94	7.26
115[7/8]	109[7/8]	Treas 10% 2001	115[7/8]	+¼	8.63	7.21
115[7/8]	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	115[7/8]	+⅜	8.43	7.33
105[3/8]	97[3/8]	Treas 8% 2003	105[3/8]	+⅜	7.60	7.21
118½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	118½	+⅜	8.47	7.40
123	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123	+⅜	9.35	7.46
77[7/8]	67[7/8]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77[7/8]	+⅜	4.54	6.44
114[7/8]	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	114[7/8]	+¼	8.29	7.52
114½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	114½	+⅜	8.28	7.55
133	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	133	+⅜	9.40	7.76
103½	94½	Treas 8% 2002-06	103½	-⅜	7.73	7.58
126[7/8]	118[7/8]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	126[7/8]	+⅜	9.29	7.71
107[7/8]	97[7/8]	Treas 8½% 2007	107[7/8]	+¼	7.91	7.60
140[3/8]	131[3/8]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	140[3/8]	+⅜	9.60	7.78

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
111[7/8]	101½	Treas 9% 2008	111[7/8]	+⅜	8.05	7.65
102[7/8]	92[7/8]	Treas 8% 2009	102[7/8]	+⅜	7.77	7.68
112½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	112½	+¼	8.03	7.72
112[7/8]	100[7/8]	Treas 9% 2012	112[7/8]	+⅜	8.01	7.73
80½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	80½	+⅜	6.85	7.44
103½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	103½	+1/8	7.68	7.74
102½	93[3/8]	Treas 8% 2013	102½	+⅜	7.80	7.74
140[7/8]	125[7/8]	Exch 12% 2013-17	140[7/8]	+⅜	8.54	7.93
110½	97[7/8]	Treas 9¾% 2017	110½	+¼	7.92	7.78

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
44[7/8]	38½	War Ln 3½%	44[7/8]	+⅜	7.83	...
32½	27[7/8]	Treas 2½%	32¼	-⅛	7.80	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134½	-⅛	...	0.93
199[3/8]	194[3/8]	Treas IL 2% 1996	198½	-⅛	1.76	2.59
109½	105[3/8]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109[3/8]	-⅛	2.17	2.79
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168[3/8]	+⅛	2.70	3.06
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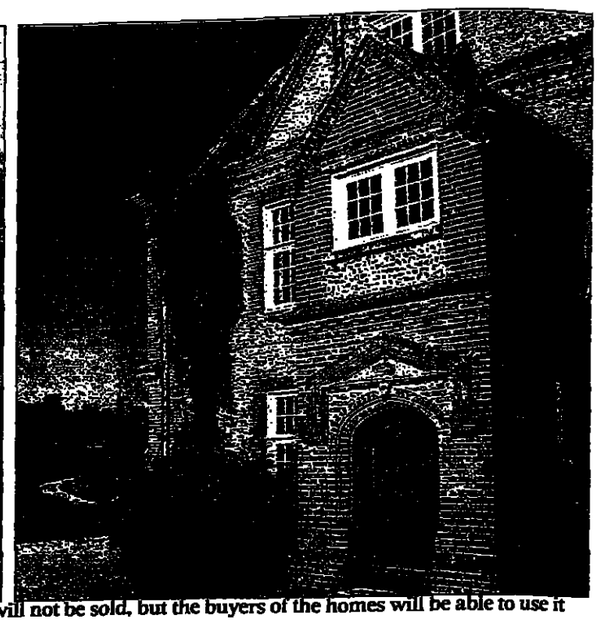
Mary Wilson reports on the transformation of a country house and its cottages at the heart of a Hampshire estate



Period charm: a cottage at Preshaw (left) and the main house, complete with five marble Adam fireplaces, which is to be divided into townhouses. The chapel (right) will not be sold, but the buyers of the homes will be able to use it

Hamlet springs into life

In the middle of glorious Hampshire countryside between West Meon and Winchester is Preshaw, a hamlet comprising a country house surrounded by cottages and farm buildings. The area is a hive of activity. About 30 builders, carpenters and plasterers are working hard to finish restoring the main house and 21 farm buildings and cottages which will go on sale later this month. Most craftsmen are living on the site and working seven days a week.

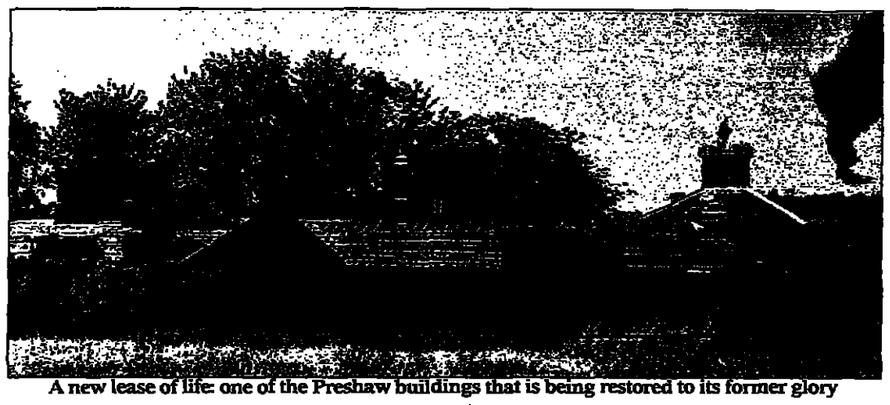
The area around the house and cottages is being landscaped. The overhead wiring — electric and telephone — is being tucked underground and Regency-style street lights are being installed. One barn is to be moved before being turned into a home to give it more space. The clock house, at the centre of the hamlet, will make another detached house. The premises will be sold freehold and there will be a service charge of about £500 a year, which will pay for a gardener to look after the drive and the communal paths. A tennis court may be put in, if enough people want one.

The work is being carried out by the developers, Arundel Estates, which bought the house earlier this year, opening a fresh chapter in the history of Preshaw by bringing the house and estate back to life. The hamlet is reached down a mile-long drive through barley fields ripe for harvesting. It was owned by the Pelly family for 250 years until 1989. Up to a few weeks ago it was a sad sight, just a collection of dilapidated cottages set around the family chapel and beside the mammoth Preshaw house, which had been empty for the past five years.

> The hamlet is reached down a mile-long drive

Major Sir John Pelly sold the house and buildings with 12 acres of land to a developer in 1989. He retained the rest of his 1,600-acre estate, which surrounds the hamlet. The developer, however, subsequently ceased trading and the hamlet was left idle. Sir John died last month before he had the chance to see his ambition of turning Preshaw into a living hamlet come to fruition.

Lady Pelly, his widow, says: "It was my late husband's dream of turning Preshaw into a hamlet. The house was far too big and too expensive for him to stay there. It was a beautiful house to live in but a nightmare to heat and run."



A new lease of life: one of the Preshaw buildings that is being restored to its former glory

The chapel is being retained by the family, but buyers of the homes will be able to use it for christenings, weddings and funerals.

Since 1990, a number of developers had looked at the site but none took the plunge. Then, five weeks ago, Arundel Estates, run by Michael O'Brien and Jim Deegan, bought it for £900,000. The men have been renovating buildings for 25 years. Mr O'Brien says: "We specialise in restoring quality period property. One of the most sensitive we handled was the Lutyens Crooksbury Estate, in Farnham, Surrey, in the 1970s."

Lady Pelly still lives on the family estate. She and her husband were both consulted by Arundel Estates about their plans, as was Sir Richard Pelly, Sir John's nephew, who farms the land and has inherited the baronetcy.

Mr O'Brien says: "We work hard on involving and bringing back into the picture the people who once owned the property. We have no obligation to do so, but feel that we should do as we are really custodians of their home. We had many discussions with Sir John before he died. It would have been lovely if he could have seen it finished as it had lain dormant for so long. In his memory we will be naming one of the courtyards Sir John's Court."

Sir Richard is more equivocal about the work. "It has been quite an undertaking," he says. "The builders bought it at the right price to enable them to sell the houses very quickly. I have mixed feelings about the whole thing. The builders are doing a good job and there are a whole raft of covenants built into the original sale to protect the site.

> The majesty and feel of the house will remain

On the other hand, I feel it is a slight shame that part of Hampshire is being opened up in this way. And being thoroughly selfish, it is leaving a big gap in the farm. Prior to it being developed, there was a working grain store and we used other buildings. Now we have had to move all that to another farm not so central on the estate."

The main house, with its five splendid Adam marble fireplaces (which have been insured for £75,000 each) and original solid mahogany doors, will be divided vertically into four townhouses. The rooms are vast, with high ceilings; the mahogany doors have been well cared for. The corridor ceilings are curved and there is one lovely oval room with beautiful hand-painted wallpaper, which is being retained.

The way the division is being made is important, says Martin Thurston, the site manager. "This way the feel and the majesty of the house will remain. Not one of the large rooms will be split up and as little will be disturbed as possible. We reckon we will probably spend about £100,000 on each house. Although the building was built in the 16th century, much of it was remodelled by Nash in the 1800s and it is in pretty good condition."

The flint and brick cottages with one to three bedrooms will sell from £100,000 to £170,000. The townhouses, which will each have between 5,000 and 7,500 sq ft, will cost from £275,000 to £350,000.

● *Hamptons (0962 842030) is handling the sale of the properties.*

Trossachs hotel: the owners won permission for holiday apartments after solving problems with pollution

Planning for our posterity

How developers are helping to improve the environment and save the national heritage

Developers are having to sing for their planning permission these days, and it is good news for house buyers. In recent years, it has become the norm to demand more and more from developers.

Builders may not like it — because it costs them money to restore an historic monument, to provide extra roads, a local school or a new library — but it is good for the consumer because it means the environment is improved and possibly the value of their homes increased.

Planning gain or obligation started in 1971 under the Town and Country Planning Act, Section 52. This meant that, for example, if there was no room for a car-park at an office development, the developer would pay, in lieu, a certain amount towards a nearby public car-park. If developers were using up green fields, a benefit to the community, it was considered only right that they should contribute something back.

In 1990, this was superseded by the Planning and Compensation Act which extended what an authority could ask for as long as it was directly related to the scheme being built.

"Some requests are acceptable and fair," says Trevor Sawyer, managing director of Barratt Southern Counties, which has just had to renovate two 18th-century gatehouses and is just about to restore a mock temple and build another one at its latest 23-acre development near Weybridge, in Surrey.

On this site, of which it can build on only four acres, the company has built 24 retirement cottages. In the autumn it will be building 33 four to six-bedroom houses in three crescents overlooking Broadwater Lake. Alongside this is an 18th-century ornamental terraced garden complete with Doric temple and stone staircases, which the company is restoring. Planning consent has taken six years.

"It was only given in November last year," Mr Sawyer says. "We have thousands of pounds worth of tree protection work to do, including preserving a Cedar of Lebanon tree which Charles I planted in commemoration of the birth of his youngest son, Prince Henry. But we see this as fair enough, an acceptable part of the scheme. We will probably spend up to £200,000 on restoration." Any purchaser of these properties will benefit considerably from the company's endeavours.

At a Charles Church development at Cove off the M3, where it will eventually build 100 houses with up to four bedrooms, part of the land bought was subsequently designated as an area of special scientific interest.

In this case, the developer lost the use of three acres. But the public have gained a area protected for wildlife. Nick Scregg, the company's land and planning director, says: "We have donated the land free to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and given about £30,000 towards the upkeep of the three acres and for providing paths and information boards."

In Scotland, in the very beautiful conservation area known as the Trossachs, near Callander, the Holiday Property Bond gained the right to convert the renowned Trossachs hotel into 82 apartments for its bond holders to holiday in. First, however, it had to solve the problem of how to deal with the extra effluent from the apartments and the swimming pool.

The area is ecologically sensitive and the purity of Loch Achray, which the building overlooks, had to be preserved. Now visitors to the newly named "Tigh Mor Trossachs" have a view towards the loch over three attractive large ponds fringed by irises and reeds.

The ponds form the environmentally friendly Watershed Wetland System, which purifies the polluted water before it reaches the loch. The ponds look pleasant and there is no smell as the waste water, which is filtered before it reaches the ponds, is not allowed to stagnate.

"We looked at all sorts of ways of dealing with the problem," says Nicholas Bemish, the operations director. "We had to come up with something which was both ecologically and financially sensible so we chose the Watershed Wetland System."

Even abroad, visitors are benefiting from tightening of planning regulations, especially near protected areas such as the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve at Quinta do Lago on the Algarve.

Firago Limited has plans to build 91 individual villas alongside a golf course at its 250-acre Pinheiros Altos site. This runs beside the Ria Formosa. To protect and encourage wildlife in the area, the company has planted more than 47 acres with wild flower seed, built bird-nesting boxes including a huge one for any passing stork, and created three new lakes.

Now the area is a haven for birdwatchers and golfers alike, with hoopoe and sparrow hawks, wagtails and warblers being as common on the fairways as golf balls in the bunkers.

MARY WILSON

Blooming prospects: picturesque Kington high street, the centre of a high-tech experiment to boost employment

Switched on for survival

How new technology may help keep families together and create jobs in dying rural communities

There were no telecommunications when the Welsh invader Owain Glyndwr came pillaging in Kington, just over the border into England, 600 years ago.

The inhabitants did not need high-technology for the word to pass around the Arrow Valley, where the town nestles in Herefordshire.

Nor was there modern technological wizardry when Kington, a small town of 22,000 serving an agricultural area of about 1,000 farms over 150 square miles, became a focal point for a distribution system. That was when James Watt decided that the town should be the main junction station for Wales. The arrival of the motor car stopped that.

Then came its importance as a cattle town and collecting point for livestock. But time began to pass and leave Kington behind. That is why the idea appealed of becoming a Connected Community, linked to all parts of the country by the very latest in computer technology, which would make it a distribution point again.

The people saw it as a salvation for a potentially dying area, a chance to bring in work and more tourists as the farming declined and, even more importantly, to provide an opportunity for the local children — growing up in the computer and telecom age — to stay there.

The town pitched its bid and won a competition — run by Apple Computer UK and BT with the active support of the Department of Trade and the Rural Development Commission — to receive £250,000 worth of the latest communications and computer equipment on permanent loan.

The idea is to run a year-long research project to study the impact of technology on the economic and social fabric of a rural community and its ways of countering the effects of agricultural decline.

It will all be monitored by the Henley Centre. So far, a site for the telecentre has been chosen in the High Street. The district council and others are giving strong support, including donating a further £150,000 worth of equipment.

What will be the benefits? A district councillor, Terry James, 45, whose family has farmed in the area for hundreds of years, sees great uses for the new technology. One of the most attractive benefits is that it could provide jobs that would keep sons and daughters in the area. "A lot of sons and daughters are involved in technology and moving to urban areas to work," he says. "This could bring them back."

His daughter Victoria, 18, who hopes to study law after taking A levels at the local Lady Hawkins secondary school, says: "A lot of young people are looking at it as a means of taking jobs and staying where they grow up. Before it was just moving away if you wanted any real prospects. Now there is the potential for Kington to become a young town.

"There are 80 in my year at school. Most will leave the area. They will come back once they see it is going to be a 21st century town."

Miles Swinburne, the local project manager, has had enquiries from grandparents whose children are in the high-tech businesses in the South East. He says: "They want to bring their grandchildren back to the area and see this as a way of doing it."

Farms can also benefit from the technology. A trial pocket computer will give farmers a chance to keep up-to-the-minute records by writing information down quickly — such as sketching a map of a field and how much has been harvested on any particular day. The information is then transferred into a data bank and from there onto the forms they have to complete. Mr James says that it will save time. "It will be a simplified way of filling in the ever-increasing horrendous forms for the EC and the government," he says.

Kate Murrie, the manager of the community service volunteers in Herefordshire, runs classes for women who want to get back to work or some who want to start work for the first time. "It offers a whole new horizon on what we can teach on high-powered information technology and the opportunities will therefore be there for them in the future," she says.

Dave Treen, head of information technology at Lady Hawkins school, sees it as a way of providing his school and the five primary schools in the area with the tools to have a database for all records, and a means of producing visual and voice aids for teaching.

For the 30 teleworkers and translators who live in the area, it is an ideal opportunity to work regularly from home, advertising that they are there through the telecentre.

To local hoteliers John and Lisa Richardson, it is a chance to use it for promoting tourism, and for being able to respond to enquiries immediately.

Mr Swinburne says: "There is no model to work from. No one has done it before. Technology has done the cities and the next big challenge is to get into the rural areas. It is our big chance."

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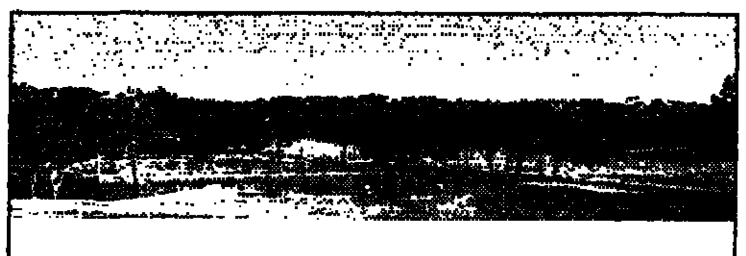

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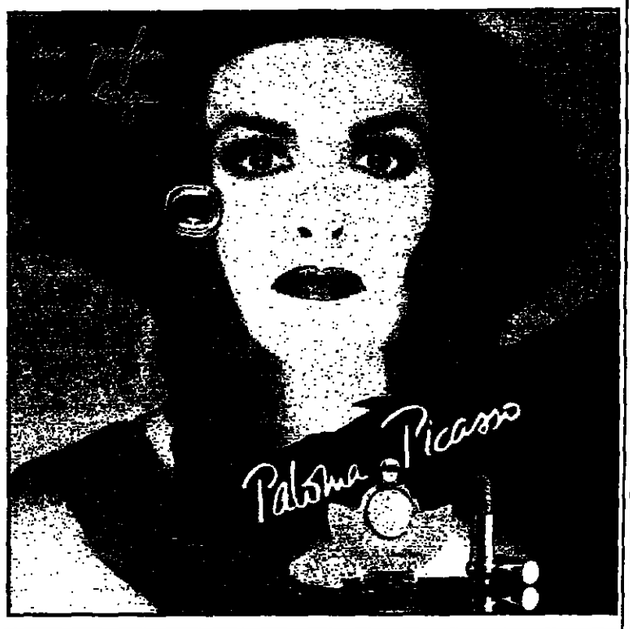

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Say farewell to the office typist

Jobs will be harder to find for the traditional secretary, says **Sally Watts**. Now is the time to learn a wider range of skills

The bad news is that, increasingly, secretaries' jobs will be at risk, especially for people with only basic skills and minimal education. The good news is that by adding a specialism to your keyboard competence, you enhance your prospects.

Firms are continually reducing their administration staff. Technology, the recession and the flattening of office hierarchies all play a part in making the traditional secretary an expensive commodity. Together, these factors are paving the way for a further threat: unemployed new graduates — men as well as women — are joining companies as temporary secretaries, with the aim of working up.

This trend has been identified by Peter Toner, the head of training at AMSEC, the training division of the Angela Mortimer recruitment consultancy. In the current issue of *the AMSEC newsletter*, he explores the "demise of the typist", or secretary, and asks: "How much longer can companies continue to favour the traditional typist, when they have the opportunity to recruit graduates whose aim is total career advancement, particularly when both are prepared to work for similar money?"

Mr Toner favours a master-apprentice parallel. He writes: "Who would make the better PA to an engineering director. The secretary with no understanding of engineering, or the graduate engineer with secretarial skills, who will willingly serve a 'master', in order to become a master herself?

"In the new decentralised, empowered and demerged organisation, the managers of the future are as likely to have served their apprenticeship as secretaries as in any other position. And such secretaries are as likely to be male as female."

Today, 24 per cent of applicants for Angela Mortimer's work experience programmes for secretarial college students are graduates. Next year, Mr Toner predicts, the figure will be 30 per cent. Even after the recession, he believes companies will not rush to employ secretaries; they have grown used to sub-contracting, using temps, free-lancers, part-timers — and this will continue. In two years' time, he estimates, administrative work, even in smaller companies, will increasingly be handled by computers. "The fully computerised office will win every time against the labour-intensive office." He allows two concessions: there will always be a job for "the true PA" and, in a strongly computerised office, "the human touch of the secretary can be quite a skill. But the traditional typist with no ambition or qualification is a dying breed."

Mr Toner emphasises the need for skills and a knowledge of marketing, banking and so on. In September, AMSEC starts a series of seminars on maximising efficiency, specifically in sales and marketing. These will help secretaries add value to the sales process, and will include such aspects as initiative, time management, communication skills and goal setting. The cost is £45 per person for one session, or £475 if arranged in-house for up to 30 people. A series of six modules held in-house costs £2,500.

Flatter management structures also mean that the secretary's role is changing to one of co-ordinator and manager of office communications, according to Hill Tallack, the human resource consultants based in Richmond, Surrey.

Gail Cornish, the consultancy's head of secretarial training and co-author of *Secretarial Skills* (published by Penguin), points to the increasingly important, newer role of the team secretary — someone who works with about five managers in a co-ordinating, communicating, monitoring role. This secretary arranges and attends meetings, does less conventional typing and may be responsible for projects of her own.

Today's secretaries, she says, are beginning to value themselves more and want career objectives. To help them, the firm has produced Professional Profile, a DIY development guide.

The profile costs £19.95 (including p&p) from Hill Tallack and includes advice under six chapter headings: creating an impression, the written word, getting people together (for example, for meetings), working in partnership, when you're the boss (supervising a project), you and the future (career development, for example).

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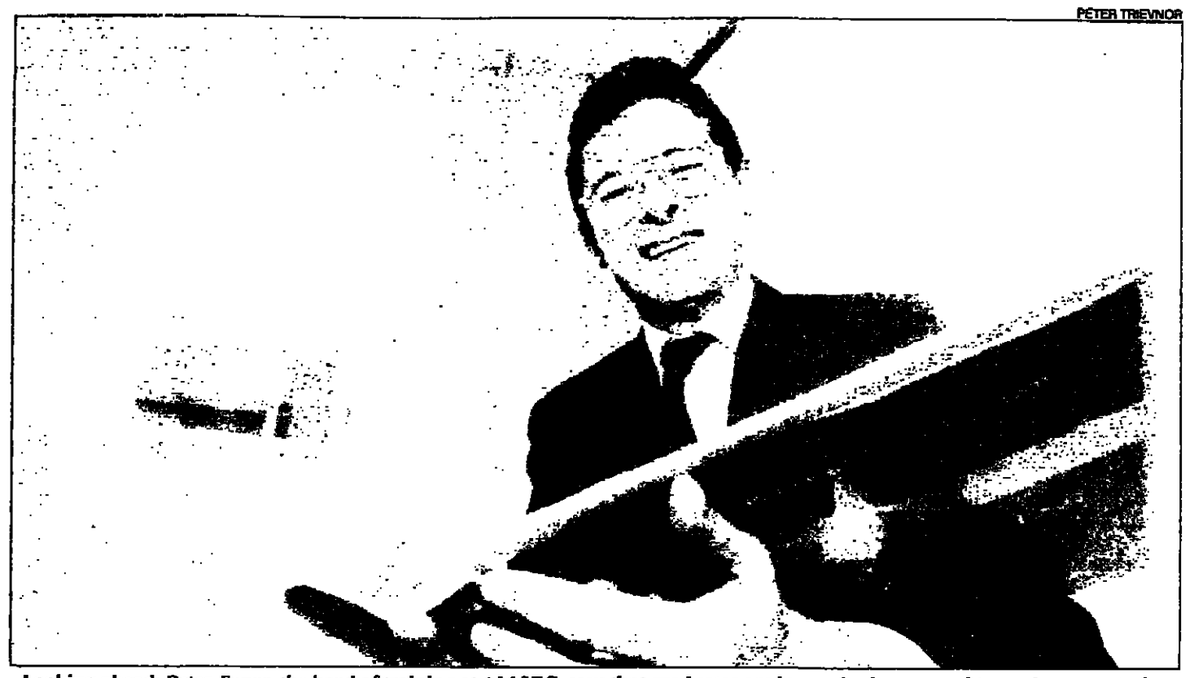

PETER TREVNOR

Looking ahead: Peter Toner, the head of training at AMSEC, says that graduates are increasingly prepared to work as secretaries

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European Law Report — Luxembourg

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Marshall v Southampton and South West Hampshire Area Health Authority (No 2)
Case C-271/91

Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grévisse, M. Diez de Velasco, P. J. G. Kapteyn, D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion January 26, 1993)

[Judgment August 2]

Where financial compensation was the measure adopted in order to achieve the objective of real equality of opportunity, it had to be adequate in that it had to enable the loss and damage actually sustained as a result of a discriminatory dismissed to be made good in full, including the award of interest.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in answering three questions submitted to it by the House of Lords for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 117 of the EEC Treaty.

Questions on the interpretation of Council Directive 76/207/EEC of February 9, 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions (OJ 1976 L39 p40), had arisen in the context of a dispute between Miss Marshall and her former employer, Southampton and South West Hampshire Area Health Authority, concerning a claim for compensation for damage sustained by Miss Marshall as a result of her dismissal by the authority.

The claim was based on the illegality of that dismissal which was not contested in the main proceedings, the Court having held, in Case 152/84 *Marshall v Southampton and South West Area Health Authority* (*The Times* February 27, 1986; [1986] ECR 723), in reply to questions submitted for a preliminary ruling by the Court of Appeal that article 5(1) of the Directive was to be interpreted as meaning that a general policy of termination of employment whereby a woman's employment was terminated solely because she had attained or passed the qualifying age for a state pension, that age being different under national legislation for men and for women, constituted discrimination on ground of sex contrary to the Directive.

The dispute in the main proceedings arose because the industrial tribunal, to which the Court of Appeal had remitted the case to consider the question of compensation, had assessed Miss Marshall's financial loss at £18,405, including £7,710 by way of interest, and awarded her compensation of £19,405, including a sum of £1,000 compensation for injury to feelings.

According to section 65(1)(b) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, where an industrial tribunal found that a complaint of unlawful sex discrimination in relation to employment was well founded, it should, if it considered it just and equitable to do so, make an order requiring the respondent to pay to the complainant compensation of an amount corresponding to any damages he could have been ordered by a county court to pay to the complainant. Under section 65(2), however, the amount of compensation awarded could not exceed a specified limit, which at the relevant time was £6,250.

At that time an industrial tribunal had no power, or at least the relevant provisions were ambiguous as to whether it had such a power, to award interest on compensation for an act of unlawful sex discrimination in relation to employment.

The industrial tribunal had held that section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981 entitled it to include in its award a sum in respect of interest. In its view, compensation was the only appropriate remedy in Miss Marshall's case, but the limit laid down by section 65(2) of the 1975 Act rendered that compensation inadequate and in breach of article 6 of the Directive.

Following the industrial tribunal's decision, the authority paid Miss Marshall the sum of £5,445 in addition to the £6,250 corresponding to the above mentioned statutory limit which it had paid even before the case had been remitted to the industrial tribunal. However, it appealed against the inclusion in the award of £7,710 in respect of interest.

After the Employment Appeal Tribunal had allowed the authority's appeal and the Court of Appeal had dismissed Miss Marshall's further appeal, she appealed to the House of Lords, which decided to stay the proceedings and to submit to the Court of Justice three questions for a preliminary ruling:

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

Meaning and scope of article 6 of Directive 76/207

As the Court had consistently held, the third paragraph of article 189 of the Treaty required each member state to which a directive was addressed to adopt, in its national legal system, all the measures necessary to ensure that its provisions were fully effective, in accordance with the objective pursued by the directive, while leaving to the member state the choice of the forms and methods used to achieve that objective.

The purpose of Directive 76/207 was to put into effect in the member states the principle of equal treatment for men and women in various aspects of employment, in particular working conditions, including the conditions governing dismissal.

As the Court had held in Case 152/84 *Marshall*, since article 5(1) prohibited generally and unequivocally all discrimination on the ground of sex, in particular with regard to dismissal, it might be relied upon as against a state authority acting in its capacity as an employer, in order to avoid the application of any national provision which did not conform to that article.

Article 6 of the directive put member states under a duty to take the necessary measures to enable all persons who considered themselves wronged by discrimination to pursue their claims by judicial process. Such obligation implied that the measures in question should be sufficiently effective to achieve the objective of the directive and should be capable of being effectively relied upon by the persons concerned before national courts.

As the Court had held in Case 14/83 *Von Colson and Kamann v Land Nordrhein-Westfalen* (*The Times* April 25, 1984; [1984] ECR 1891) article 6 did not prescribe a specific measure to be taken in the event of a breach of the prohibition of discrimination, but left member states free to choose between the different solutions suitable for achieving the objective of the directive, depending on the different situations which might arise.

However, the objective was to arrive at real equality of opportunity and could not therefore be attained in the absence of measures appropriate to restore such equality when it had not been observed. As the Court had stated in *Von Colson and Kamann*, those measures had to be such as to guarantee real and effective judicial protection and have a real deterrent effect on the employer.

Such requirements necessarily entailed that the particular circumstances of each breach of the principle of equal treatment were to be taken into account. In the event of discriminatory dismissal contrary to article 5(1) of the directive, a situation of equality could not be restored without either reinstating the victim of discrimination or, in the alternative, granting financial compensation for the loss and damage sustained.

Where financial compensation was the measure adopted in order to achieve the objective indicated above, it had to be adequate, in that it had to enable the loss and damage actually sustained as a result of the discriminatory dismissal to be made good in full in accordance with the applicable national rules.

The first and second questions

In its first question, the House of Lords sought to establish whether it was contrary to article 6 of the directive for national provisions to lay down an upper limit on the amount of compensation recoverable by a victim of discrimination.

In its second question, the House of Lords asked whether article 6 required (a) that the compensation for the damage sustained as a result of the illegal discrimination should be full and (b) that it should include an award of interest on the principal amount from the date of the unlawful discrimination to the date when compensation was paid.

The Court's interpretation of article 6 provided a direct reply to the first part of the second question relating to the level of compensation required by that provision.

It also followed from that interpretation that the fixing of an upper limit of the kind at issue in the main proceedings could not, by definition, constitute proper implementation of article 6 of the directive, since it limited the amount of compensation *a priori* to a level which was not necessarily consistent with the requirement of ensuring real equality of opportunity through adequate reparation for the loss and damage sustained as a result of discriminatory dismissal.

With regard to the second part of the second question relating to the award of interest, suffice it to say that full compensation for the loss and damage sustained as a result of discriminatory dismissal could not leave out of account factors, such as the effluxion of time, which might in fact reduce its value.

The award of interest, in accordance with the applicable national rules, was therefore to be regarded as an essential component of compensation for the purposes of restoring real equality of treatment.

The third question

In its third question, the House of Lords sought to establish whether a person who had been injured as a result of discriminatory dismissal might rely, as against an authority of the state acting in its capacity as employer, on article 6 of the directive in order to contest the application of national rules which imposed limits on the amount of compensation recoverable by way of reparation.

It followed from the considerations set out above as to the meaning and scope of article 6 of the directive, that the provision was an essential factor for attaining the fundamental objective of equal treatment for men and women, in particular as to working conditions, including the conditions governing dismissal, referred to in article 5(1) of the directive, and that, where, in the event of discriminatory dismissal, financial compensation was the measure adopted in order to restore that equality, such compensation had to be full and might not be limited *a priori* in amount.

Accordingly, the combined provisions of article 6 and article 5 of the directive gave rise, on the part of a person who had been injured as a result of discriminatory dismissal, to rights which that person had to be able to rely upon before the national courts as against the state and authorities which were an emanation of the state.

The fact that member states might choose among different solutions in order to achieve the objective pursued by the directive depending on the situations which might arise, could not result in an individual's being prevented from relying on article 6 in a situation such as that in the main proceedings where the national authorities had no degree of discretion in applying the chosen solution.

It should be pointed out in that connection that, as appeared in particular from the judgment in Joined Cases C-6/90 and C-9/90 *Francovich and Others v Italian Republic* (*The Times* November 20, 1991; [1991] ECR I-5357) the right of a state to choose among several possible means of achieving the objectives of a directive did not exclude the possibility for individuals of enforcing before national courts rights whose content can be determined sufficiently precisely on the basis of the provisions of the directive alone.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

1 The interpretation of article 6 of Council Directive 76/207 must be that reparation of the loss and damage sustained by a person injured as a result of discriminatory dismissal might not be limited to an upper limit fixed *a priori* or by excluding an award of interest to compensate for the loss sustained by the recipient of the compensation as a result of the effluxion of time until the capital sum awarded was actually paid.

2 A person who had been injured as a result of discriminatory dismissal might rely on the provisions of article 6 of the directive as against an authority of the state acting in its capacity as an employer in order to set aside a national provision which imposed limits on the amount of compensation recoverable by way of reparation.

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Council's duty to house children in need

Regina v Northavon District Council, Ex parte Smith

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment July 28]

Parliament clearly intended that children in need should not fall between the statutory scheme relating to homelessness established by Part III of the Housing Act 1985 and the regime expressed by sections 17, 20 and 27 of the Children Act 1989 to provide assistance for such children and their families.

Where a local housing authority refused an application for housing under Part III of the 1985 Act made by parents of five young children on the ground that they were intentionally homeless, the authority was required to reconsider the matter when it received a request from the county council under section 27(1) of the 1989 Act that it should assist the family in securing accommodation and provided the conditions in section 27(2) were fulfilled, to comply with the request.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Mr Jimmy Smith from Mr Anthony Lester, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, had refused his application for judicial review of the decision of Northavon District Council not to comply with the request made by Avon social services department that they urgently consider (i) providing assistance for a full tenancy of a type commensurate with the family's needs, or (ii) delaying the imminent eviction of the family from its temporary accommodation to allow them more time to attempt to raise necessary funds, or find alternative accommodation.

Mr Jan Luba for the applicant; Mr Timothy Straker for the housing authority.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS referred to the housing authority's duties under Part III of the 1985 Act, and to their decision under section 65(3) that Mr and Mrs Smith, the parents of five children aged ten and under, were intentionally homeless although in priority need.

Section 65 provided for three levels of response by the housing authority to findings of homelessness:

(i) the lowest level was to applicants who did not satisfy the authority that they had a priority need, even then the authority had a duty to give advice and assistance;

(ii) for those in priority need but homeless intentionally the authority had to give that advice and assistance but also secure that accommodation was made available for a period;

(iii) the most exacting duty was to those in priority need and not found to be homeless intentionally.

Section 69 made it plain that a housing authority might perform its duty under section 65 in any one of three ways: by making available suitable accommodation held by the authority or by securing that the applicant obtained suitable accommodation from some other person or by giving him such advice and assistance as would secure that he obtained suitable accommodation from sone other person.

In the present case accommodation would only be regarded as available for occupation if it were so for the children as well as the parents.

His Lordship referred to the regime expressed by sections 17, 20 and 27 in Part III of the 1989 Act imposing duties with regard to children in need on the local authority, which in the present case was Avon County Council.

Section 27 was central to the appeal and provided that:

"(1) Where it appears to a local authority that any authority ... [including Northavon] ... could, by taking any specified action, help in the exercise of any of their functions under this Part, they could request the help of that other authority ... specifying the action in question.

"(2) An authority whose help is so requested shall comply with the request if it is compatible with their own statutory or other duties and obligations and does not unduly prejudice the discharge of any of their functions."

In his Lordship's view the construction of section 27 was not questionable.

Subsection (1), by its opening words, contained a condition which if satisfied gave the local authority a discretion to request the housing authority to help in the exercise of any of the local authority's functions under Part III of the 1989 Act.

A housing authority so requested was obliged to comply with the request if two conditions were satisfied: the request had to be compatible with the housing authority's own obligations and must not unduly prejudice the discharge of any of their functions.

The requested authority was not empowered by the section to do anything it would not have had power to do in the absence of the request.

But if the conditions were satisfied, that authority became obliged to comply even if compliance involved the exercise of powers which it had decided in the exercise of a lawful discretion not to exercise and which in the absence of a request it could not have been compelled to exercise.

His Lordship referred to the housing authority's refusal of the county council's request. It was felt to be inconsistent to make its own housing available to the Smiths as if the housing authority's duty fell under section 65(2) of the 1985 Act when the authority had resolved that its duty fell under section 65(3).

The housing authority was not justified in refusing to offer the Smiths accommodation for the reason which it gave.

The county council had a general duty under section 17(1) of the 1989 Act to safeguard the welfare of children in need and a specific duty under section 20(1) to provide accommodation for such children.

It was entitled under section 27(1) to request the housing authority's help in exercising those functions.

It was not necessarily inconsistent with the housing authority's decision that the Smiths were homeless intentionally, and therefore not to be housed under section 65(3) of the 1985 Act, to conclude that they should be housed because of the danger to the children if they were not:

1 Section 65(2) and (3) both depended on a finding of priority need and the differentiation between the resulting duties in no way depended on anything to do with the position of dependent children.

2 The finding of a priority need itself depended simply on the residence with the applicant of dependent children and not on a finding that the children were in need.

The county council's request required the housing authority to consider the Smiths' position afresh in the light of a new consideration: namely the judgment of a responsible authority that the children were in need and required to be housed.

The housing authority should not have regarded the finding of intentional homelessness as conclusive. They were plainly at fault in apparently failing to consider the county council's request that they give the Smiths assistance to secure a private tenancy.

That request reinforced the duty already laid on the housing authority under section 65(3)(b) of the 1985 Act and they were obliged to comply if the conditions in section 27(2) of the 1989 Act were fulfilled.

His Lordship could trace no indication that the housing authority had considered extending the Smiths' occupation of the temporary accommodation, nor had they found either of the conditions in section 27(2) not to be fulfilled.

Reading the two statutory codes side by side his Lordship found a clear parliamentary intention that children in need should not fall between them.

That meant that a clear duty to provide or secure the provision or give assistance in relation to the securing of accommodation had to rest somewhere.

His Lordship concluded that the housing authority did not lawfully respond to the county council's request under section 27(1) since they neither complied with nor gave reasons for holding they were not bound to comply. Their decision had therefore to be quashed.

If on reconsideration they concluded on valid grounds that they were not bound to comply with any of the county council's substantial requests, then a clear and enforceable duty remained binding on the latter authority under section 17(1) and 20(1) of the 1989 Act.

If children in need did not command protection under one code they would do so under the other.

Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Bobbetts Mackan, Bristol; Mr E. J. Andrews, Thornbury.

Court of Appeal

Jurisdiction to make post-judgment order

Mercantile Group (Europe) AG v Aiyela and Others

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment July 30]

Where proceedings had been compromised and judgment entered against one defendant the court, in aid of enforcement, had jurisdiction to make a disclosure order and a *Mareva* (asset-freezing) injunction in aid of enforcement against a co-defendant in respect of whom all causes of action had been abandoned.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Mrs Remi Aiyela from Mr Justice Hobhouse who had refused to discharge (i) an order made on the application of the plaintiffs, Mercantile Group (Europe) AG, by Mr Anthony Colman, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, requiring Mrs Aiyela to provide certain financial information about herself and her co-defendant, Mr Aiyela and (ii) a *Mareva* injunction granted by Mr Justice Saville against Mrs Aiyela in respect of specified bank accounts. Both orders had been made after proceedings against Mr Aiyela in which his wife had been joined had been compromised and judgment entered against Mr Aiyela.

Mr Martin Mann QC and Mr Mark Warwick for Mrs Aiyela; Mr Mark Barnes for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that in 1984 the plaintiffs began proceedings against Chief Aiyela in respect of moneys allegedly owing to them and against Mrs Aiyela and certain companies on the ground that they had received some of the money as constructive trustees. The proceedings had been compromised, Mr Aiyela undertaking to pay a specified amount and the plaintiffs abandoning all causes of action against the other defendants, including his wife.

When he failed to pay the agreed sum, judgment was entered against him. They then tried to enforce it. The plaintiffs obtained a *Mareva* injunction against him and the orders under appeal against his wife. Mr Aiyela had maintained that he had no assets within the jurisdiction and that the luxurious lifestyle which he and his wife continued to enjoy was financed by his wife and another defendant.

The disclosure order

The question was whether, ancillary to the post-judgment *Mareva* injunction made against Mr Aiyela, the court could order discovery from a person against whom there was no substantive cause of action.

The court's power to order disclosure was derived from section 37(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981. The effect of *Norwich Pharmacal Co v Customs and Excise Commissioners* ([1974] AC 133) was that the jurisdiction to make an order against third parties existed where two conditions were satisfied: (i) the third party must have become mixed up in the transaction concerning which discovery was sought and (ii) the order for discovery must not offend against the "mere witness" rule which prevented a party from obtaining discovery against a person who would in due course be compellable to give that information.

His Lordship rejected Mr Mann's submission that the *Norwich Pharmacal* principle was limited to finding out the identity of a tortfeasor. In the case of discovery against a third party in aid of a post-judgment *Mareva* injunction the mere witness rule could have no relevance. The trial, if any, would already have taken place.

It followed that all that was necessary to found the jurisdiction was that the third party should have become mixed up in the transaction concerning which discovery was required and that the court should consider it just and convenient to make the order.

His Lordship concluded that since there was *prima facie* evidence that Mrs Aiyela had become mixed up in the arrangements made by her husband to defeat execution of the judgment while continuing to live in luxury there was jurisdiction to make the disclosure order against her.

The *Mareva* injunction

His Lordship rejected Mr Mann's submission that such an injunction could only be made against a person against whom the plaintiff had a substantive cause of action. The plaintiffs' substantive right was a judgment debt owed by Mr Aiyela.

The *Mareva* injunction against Mrs Aiyela was incidental to and in aid of the enforcement of that right. There was accordingly jurisdiction to make the order against her.

Lord Justice Steyn and the Master of the Rolls delivered concurring judgments.

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Scores in need of a boost

ALAN WELLER

Overwhelming numbers: Martin Greenall, manager of the British Music Information Centre, with some of the centre's thousands of scores by British composers

Benjamin Britten liked to tell the story of how, at a Suffolk tennis party in 1930, he was asked what he was going to be when he left school. "A composer," he answered unhesitatingly. "Yes," came the response, "but what else?"

Not a bad way of deflating a bumptious 16-year-old public schoolboy, you may think. But to Britten the underlying assumption symbolised English philistinism, and sharpened his resolve to make a good living from being a composer and *nothing* else. By the time he died, a millionaire, he had proved his point. And he had done it by writing music which the public could understand and come to love.

What a contrast today. On the surface at least, the country is bursting with professional tunesmiths: a staggering 21,000 British and Irish composers are represented by the Performing Right Society, of which about 1,600 are estimated to be working in the "serious classical" field.

On the basis that if you give enough monkeys enough synthesizers one of them will eventually write symphonies to rival Beethoven's, this plethora of scribbling musicmongers might seem healthy. But who feeds these people? Who listens to their music? Who needs them? And who on earth are they? The professional music critic would be sorely pressed to name even 160 living British composers, let alone 1,600. The ordinary concert-goer might struggle to think of 16.

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Well, whoever they are, they are not rich. The PRS's "classical" royalties amount to just £519,000 of the £145 million it collects annually. Divide that among 1,500 (an average of £346 each) and you realise that Britten's achievement of earning a living from composition remains an impossible dream for the vast majority of serious composers. Yet on they go, churning out hundreds of scores each year. More than 250 new works a season are commissioned by the Arts Council and the regional arts boards alone; the BBC also pays for about 25 new pieces a year.

The so-called "cult of the premiere" means that most composers of any standing can get new works performed at least once. The problem is getting them performed twice. The wonderfully diligent British Music Information Centre in Stratford Place, London, overflows with thousands of manuscripts that have received just the one, probably unreviewed, performance.

All of which would matter little if music-lovers — who are, presumably, the targets of this barrage of new scores — displayed any relish for hearing the damn things. But the public has generally been stonily unimpressed by the music commissioned in the last 40 years. Which raises the biggest question of all: if it is not communicating to the public, what is the point of it?

That is an issue which is nearly, but not quite, tackled in an excellent new report by Keith Allen and Phyllida Shaw: *A Fairer Hearing — A review of music commissioning in the UK and the Republic of Ireland* (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, £5). "Questions of quality have been raised repeatedly during the course of this study," the authors write. "It is impossible to ignore the many voices that state, quite bluntly, that much of what is written is not good enough to warrant a second hearing."

This report, however, is largely concerned with the practical matter of getting value for money from limited public funds, not with discussing the unique crowd-repelling tendencies of second-rate serial and aleatoric music. So the authors never discuss the fundamental matter of how much taxpayers "owe a living" to composers who don't feel that they owe taxpayers anything very accessible in return.

Admittedly, this is a question which one scarcely dares to raise, so brutal was the way in which Stalin's cultural henchmen brandished it at Shostakovich and other leading Soviet composers in 1948. Nevertheless, it is surely central to any discussion about the public subsidy of new music.

The Gulbenkian report does, however, tackle other crucial matters. The authors questioned 70 composers, not one of whom said that he or she expected to earn a living from commissions. This sets the tone for the report's general view: that commissioning fees are being spread too thinly; and that not enough is being spent on properly preparing audiences (or indeed performers) for premieres, on repeating performances to aid comprehension, or on recording premieres for future study. Indeed, the Arts Council recently suspended indefinitely its recording budget, which enabled 200 CDs of new music to be produced in seven years at little cost to the public purse.

"It is philosophically incoherent to offer financial support for the creation of work at the 'cutting edge', only to throw the new-born into the market in the hope that the language of innovation will somehow become the vernacular," the authors conclude. In other words, performers or commissioners want the kudos of the world premiere, but not the unglamorous slog of attempting to educate audiences to enjoy what they hear. One thinks of shining exceptions: excellent community opera projects, or the Scottish Chamber Orchestra's pioneering educational work. But not enough.

The report also points out that even when a famous composer has received a big commission, the publisher usually ends up subsidising the premiere because of the huge cost of copying performing material. For instance, when the BBC commissioned Maxwell Davies's Third Symphony in 1984, his publishers, Boosey and Hawkes, spent £25,000 preparing materials for the 50-minute work. Five years later they had recouped just £2,437 in hire fees and royalties.

Let's not weep too much for publishers. The good ones have always taken the long view: nurturing a Stravinsky, an Elgar or a Britten may cost a lot in patience, money and energy, but the investment could still be paying out vast dividends decades after the composer's death. The trouble is that many of these cultured, long-established music publishers have been swallowed by multinational conglomerates who want to see profits this side of Christmas, not by the late-21st century.

The report identifies other areas of dissatisfaction. Because of the gruesome amount of red tape involved in getting a commission out of the Arts Council or a regional arts board (each one of which has its own unique "procedures"), there are accusations that commissions go not to the best composers, but to those who are adept at "playing the system", or at "networking" among the London new-music coterie.

That is an accusation which composers have hurled at each other since the days when Salieri was elbowing Mozart out of the Viennese court. More worrying is the frank admission by some performing ensembles that their motives for commissioning composers are blatantly cynical. One often-cited reason was that "it is what the funding bodies expect". Yet if the performers don't believe wholeheartedly in the new work, what hope is there of convincing the audience?

All in all, a picture of teeming anarchy emerges: so much compositional toil, thousands of premieres, so many good intentions, so much bureaucracy — but so little sense of direction, discernment and passionate championing. Perhaps it is inevitable that commissioning by committee results in compromise. There is no room in the system for an individual personality powerful and confident enough to say "I believe that X is the next Mahler; give him every penny we have, and forget most of the rest".

So bets are hedged under the guise of "pluralism", prevailing orthodoxies are slavishly unquestioned, and the money spread uselessly around a hundred second-rate talents. How fortunate that Diaghilev — the genius-spotter *sans pareil* — did not have to consult a committee before commissioning the unknown Stravinsky. In Britain today, nobody of Diaghilev's temperament could possibly be involved in deciding who gets an Arts Council commission. He wouldn't be able to handle the paperwork.

SEVEN YOUNG BRITISH COMPOSERS TO WATCH

● **Thomas Adès:** Precocious 23-year-old, just been appointed associate composer by the Hallé Orchestra. Came to fame only last year, when he played his virtuoso work for "prepared piano" on the South Bank; consolidated his reputation last month with a London performance of his devastatingly accomplished Chamber Symphony.

● **George Benjamin:** Overhyped when he was Adès's age, he has now found a surer and more mature touch, as his new piece demonstrated at the South Bank's Meltdown festival last week. Exquisite ear for sonorities and atmosphere.

● **Jonathan Dove:** Innumerable quick-witted scores for theatre, films and television, and superb work as an animateur of community operas, culminating in his triumph in Ashford, Kent, earlier this year. He has raised a social mission into an art-form.

● **Simon Holt:** His Proms premiere last year, *walking with the river's roar — 17 minutes of pent-up anger*, released with the force of tightly-coiled steel — confirmed him as one of the most passionate new voices of the moment. Great sense of theatre, even in his instrumental pieces.

● **James MacMillan:** A string of gripping music-theatre and orchestral works — thoroughly modern, yet accessible by virtue of their emotional impact — have made this flower of Scotland one of the biggest names on the international scene. This month's Edinburgh Festival has a retrospective of his prolific output.

● **Mark-Anthony Turnage:** *Greek*, a brutal but spectacularly compulsive operatic version of Steven Berkoff's anti-Thatcherite play, showed what he is capable of. Simon Rattle championed his Francis Bacon-inspired orchestral thriller, *Three Screaming Popes*, and now Turnage is engaged in another big commission for Birmingham.

● **Judith Weir:** Her offbeat sense of humour was revealed in her stunning first opera, *Nights at the Chinese Opera*. Her music is equally individual: superbly light-fingered and, at its best, magically entrancing. Now writing a new stage piece for English National Opera.

Thank you very much, and good morning

RADIO REVIEW: **Derwent May** listens to the range of contrasting voices that make up broadcasting's dawn chorus

Most of the birds stop singing in the dog days, but the dawn chorus of radio presenters and newsreaders goes on in full-throated ease. One notable change is on its way, however. Brian Redhead, who has delivered so many words through clenched teeth on *Today* (Radio 4), is leaving the programme, and the Scot, James Naughtie, has been announced as his successor. It seems a good moment to see what all these songsters are up to.

In the London *Evening Standard*, the novelist A.N. Wilson has been lambasting the men of *Today*: he calls them "badly spoken, perky oiks". He would have liked the "angelic" Anna Ford to get Redhead's job. The Conservative Party never tires of lambasting the programme for its supposed political bias, though politicians from all the parties long to be heard by its six million audience.

My complaint is different from Wilson's — not that the presenters are too perky, but that they have become too craven of late. I hate the *humble* way in which they now say "Thank you VERY MUCH" to practically anyone who has wangled his way on to the show. The listeners don't feel so grateful, so why should they? Otherwise they keep up quite a dignified manner, and I like the good-humoured banter that A.N. Wilson also grumbles about, like saying to the weather forecaster "I've been ordered to tell you we want more sunshine." It's the right note when the milk is boiling over.

The political charge is more complicated. The whole programme is very accommodating to any group or organisation that has complaints to make about poverty or social justice or state education. If one had a fiver for every speaker on the programme who had asked for more government money, one would be a rich man.

Without being overtly political, or even giving the interviewees an easy ride, the *Today* presenters are undoubtedly sympathetic to these preoccupations of the programme editors. There was a very telling moment just before the parliamentary vote on the social chapter. Brian Redhead spoke to a woman from the Industrial Society who was broadly *in favour* of the social chapter, and questioned her quite hard. But when Peter Hobday followed immediately with an interview with a man from the Institute of Directors, he began by saying "Surely you must agree with what she just said . . . " — and it did not seem like an interviewing ploy, just a natural expression of his feelings. To that extent, the Tories perhaps have a case.

Anna Ford: an ideal presenter for Radio 4's *Today* programme?

In London, there are two other morning talk programmes, on the BBC's Greater London Radio and the commercial LBC. Both have a similar style, and one quite different from *Today*. The presenters have a far more casual manner, and lots of time to fill. They will even say things like "Oh, I was going to tell you it was 18 minutes to 8, but that was two minutes ago so it's now 16 minutes to 8." "Oh, get on with it!" you feel.

Their interviewing technique is also different. They express emotion more readily — things are always striking them as "terrible" or "great" — but they do not press the politicians or the interest-group spokesmen so firmly or thoughtfully as the *Today* team. When they read the news, they emote with every massacre or sporting victory in a quite ludicrous way. They think they always have to be genial and responsive.

You can also pick up a certain amount of news and comment on the morning music shows, and here one is a very long way from *Today*. On Radio 1, the traffic news begins with a blaring of car horns, and super-melancholy ballads like "I'll do my crying in the rain" take over before the newscaster's words have died away. On Radio 2 you have to listen to requests for genteel old songs for people like "our friends in the Thursday Walkers who have now had 200 pub lunches together". On Virgin, on the other hand, taste is thrown to the winds. One presenter was saying on the morning of the Israeli bombardment "I've just bought a house in the Lebanon — fabulous prices!".

Oh, yes, I think I'll go back to Radio 4, and listen to Sue MacGregor speaking sweetly and politely and intelligently — even if she too is bursting her heart to say "THANK you".

PROMS: Bach concertos on period instruments

Authentic Baroque does the business

Hanover Band
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Here was a huge audience that had bitten the bait of the Hanover Band's fairly unimaginative all-Bach programme. Somebody, somewhere, is clearly doing some effective promotion. Baroque orchestras are big business.

Anthony Halstead, who directed from the harpsichord and played the demanding solo roles in the F minor Harpsichord Concerto and the Fifth Brandenburg Concerto, is hardly a giant of the keyboard. As the Band's co-ordinator he was genially efficient, sometimes even too brisk. As harpsichordist he was nifty of finger yet also sometimes over-cautious.

More than once, especially in the Fifth Brandenburg, he would slow the pace at an imposing solo passage, phrasing with almost affected deliberation and ensuring we were aware that getting the notes right was not easy. But this trick showed the same coolness under pressure which is necessary in his more familiar role, playing that most dangerous of instruments — the natural horn.

Equally unflappable, on the second most dangerous of instruments, the natural trumpet, is Robert Farley, who negotiated the solo part in the Second Brandenburg Concerto with aplomb, though inevitably not without the odd split or missed note. Farley's soloist colleagues, Catherine Latham (recorder), Anthony Robson (oboe) and Benjamin Hudson (violin) balanced well with him — the narrow-bored instrument Farley played does not make an enormous noise — and delivered the work with joyous verve.

Later, Robson and Hudson teamed up effectively for the C minor Oboe and Violin Concerto, the assumed model for, and retrospectively reconstructed from, the Harpsichord Concerto BWV 1060, though there were minor problems with consistency of pulse in the slow movement. Halstead's colleagues in the Fifth Brandenburg, Rachel Brown (flute) and Pavlo Beznosiuk (violin) were as suave and fluent as could be wished for, while the Third Brandenburg's finale went with a catchy swing, and the Band's ripieno department played briskly and efficiently throughout.

STEPHEN PETTITT

LONDON

PROMS: The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra opens the first of its three Proms this season with a work by Henryck Górecki, *Old Polish Music*, which draws inspiration from Poland's colourful past. Anthony Marwood is the violin soloist, and tackles Prokofiev's mature Second Concerto for his Prom debut. Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

THE BASSET TABLE: Gambling, love and strange scientific experiments in this comedy by the 18th Century wit, Mrs Centlivre.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). *Previews* tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Tue to Sat 8pm, mats Sat, 2pm and Sun, 5pm. Till August 29.

GODSPELL: Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue to Sun 7.30pm plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Till August 30.

HERE: Iain Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play:

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

the anxieties of moving into a new home, the implications of a bed here and not there.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-887 1150). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm. Mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm. Limited run, ends September 11.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: MacMillan's *Romeo and Juliet* deserves its popularity. Watch for special performances from Marion Tait and Robert Hill paired as the doomed lovers in this classic story.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2.30pm.

INDIGO GIRLS. The unashamedly emotional duo from Georgia return for the second time this year with an acoustic show.
Forum, London, NW5 (071-284 2200). Tonight, 7pm.

REGIONAL

CHICHESTER: Prunella Scales plays Dolly Levi, and Frank Lazarus the merchant of Yonkers in The Matchmaker, Thornton Wilder's version of Nestroy's version of John Oxenford's version of Plautus.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. More previews Aug 9, 10, 11, 7.30pm. Opens August 12, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *Pickwick*. Till October 2.

EDINBURGH: Phoebe Anna Traquair was one of the most able and distinctive Scottish exponents of the Art Nouveau/Arts & Crafts range of styles and media. She painted, embroidered, illuminated manuscripts, and worked in mural, enamel and metal.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (Sundays during festival, 11am-5pm).

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Debra Gillett plays the title role and Jeremy Northam the resourceful Homer in Wycherley's **The Country Wife**. Bound to be better than the musical travesty, *Lust*.
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Aug 10, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

□ **BROTHER TRUCKERS:** Everett Quinton and the Ridiculous Theatrical Company doing their campest stuff in an absurd story about love, murder and garbage. Ripe performances. Weird and wonder-filled production from the school of The Mystery of Irma Vep and direct from a New York run. Last week.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm.

□ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

□ **A CONNECTICUT YANKEE:** Ian Talbot revives the Rodgers/Hart musical based on Mark Twain. Witty lyrics, pretty songs.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm.

□ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. 190mins.

◪ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses. Aristophanes would have approved. Last week.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 95mins.

■ **OLEANNA:** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college, passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. 180mins.

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, set in three different restaurants and roving back and forth in time. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple, the others are unchanged from the excellent Scarborough cast.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon to Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8pm. Mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

□ **UNDER THE STARS:** Pam Ferris and Connie Booth in the prolific Richard Crane's new comedy: two understudies wonder if their leading ladies will ever drop dead.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon to Sat 7.45 pm, mat Sat 2.30 pm. Till August 28.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne, director, John Badham.
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MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ **HOUSE OF ANGELS** (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
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OPERA: **Hilary Finch** on a suitably melodramatic *Macbeth* at Finland's Savonlinna Festival

Northern light shines on Verdi

UNEASY lies the head that wears the crown. Walton Grönroos, former general director at Savonlinna has taken charge of Finnish National Opera at Helsinki's new house, due for its long-delayed grand opening in November. Meanwhile, Jorma Hynninen, Finland's greatest baritone, has taken over what was fast becoming an economically and artistically fraught festival at Savonlinna. This summer he has cast himself as Macbeth in an appropriately melodramatic new production of Verdi's opera.

Once renowned for its patronage of new Finnish opera (Sallinen's *The King goes forth to France* and Heininen's *The Knife* were both premiered here), Savonlinna has, in the recent years of severe economic depression, been forced to roll out revivals of such surefire successes as *The Magic Flute* and *Aida*, and to lend its stage to often embarrassingly inadequate productions from visiting companies from Eastern Europe and the Baltic states. This year, though, green shoots were definitely stirring among the lichen-covered granite walls of the Olavinlinna castle.

Built in the 15th century as a mighty fortress against the Russians and later the Swedes, the castle, with its huge, wind-riven inner courtyard, was transformed with little difficulty into its opposite number in medieval Inverness. No matter that Birnam Wood came to Dunsinane with a flurry of Nordic birch twigs; no matter that in the Hollywood realism of Ralf Langbacka's production, the witchy creatures mopped and mowed their way out of a massively kitschy crown, raised and lowered by ropes, and forming designer Anneli Qveflander's central production emblem. Leif Segerstam's musical direction of the Savonlinna opera orchestra and excellent chorus and, above all, Hynninen's minutely observed performance, brought something at the very heart of Verdi — and of Shakespeare — to Finland.

Hollywood realism: Jorma Hynninen and Cynthia Makris in Ralf Langbacka's Savonlinna production

Hynninen, frequently cast as the archetypal outsider (Van Gogh, Kullervo, Iago in recent years) starts with the considerable advantage of looking the part before he has sung a note. Then his intensely musical phrasing and his seemingly instinctive physical gestures fuse to build a portrait of compelling immediacy and intimacy even within the vast horizontals of Savonlinna's stage.

A bump of sudden fear would enter the voice as the dagger appeared before the eyes; a dull presage of the end numbed his baritone as, already in Act I, he murmured "tutto e finito." And, tuning his voice closely to the eloquently played slow string quavers of the aria, "Pietà, rispetto, amore," Hynninen plumbed the depths of grief which Verdi also found in his Macbeth.

If Cynthia Makris's Lady Macbeth had been able to trace the emotional and musical cardiograph of her sleep-walking scene with a quarter of Hynninen's sensitivity to word and underlay, then this would have been a great, not just a good, final act. As it was, her soprano was distorted by a vibrato which served only to blur a dramatically unfocused performance. Jaako Ryhänen contributed a stalwart bass Banquo; Peter Lindroos an ardent Macduff. *Macbeth* returns next year: with a little choreographic pruning and directorial tightening, it could well become one of the jewels in Savonlinna's own formidable operatic crown.

THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** goes to Liverpool to see a biographical musical which turns out to be a concert

Less than a rounded portrait

Larry Branson as Roy Orbison: both lookalike and soundalike

Only the Lonely
Liverpool Playhouse

ACCORDING to Ellis Amburn, biographer of Roy Orbison, the Texas-born rock 'n' roll star of the Sixties: "In the looks department, Roy definitely got short-changed." Personally, if I were Orbison, I would have been back at the till demanding a total refund. Orbison was a stunningly unpretty sight: a blob of a body, a splodge of a face, a pair of bookworm-worthy bifocals, and ears that had never heard of aerodynamics. Even all in black with his trademark dark glasses, Orbison looked like a troll incongruously togged out in Kings Road fashion.

One would think it could hardly be a blessing to be Orbison's lookalike. Luckily, though, Larry Branson who plays Orbison in *Only the Lonely*, a new musical celebrating the Big O's life, matches up with the rock star not just visually but vocally.

Branson, who has been impersonating Orbison in America for years, can croon through the hit song "In Dreams", can float among the high notes: the falsetto warble for which Orbison was famous. All the same, Branson's performance is nervous. His singing is nearer a technical exercise in imitation than a flow of emotion. He also sounded to me as if he was teetering on the edge of out-of-tune.

The re-creations of performances with the Beatles, k.d. lang and others look tamely static by modern standards and they are staged monotonously. None the less, many of Orbison's hits are still winners. "Only The Lonely" can still get you in the gut and "Oh Pretty Woman" certainly got the audience pepped up.

Unfortunately, Laurence Ross's script is jaw-clenching, eye-rolling, lip-biting bad writing and Branson a poor actor. Granted, Orbison performed his gigs without dancing around, but did he really discover his adored wife Claudette was having an affair and demand a divorce all the while standing like a stuffed shirt, with one hand apparently superglued in space two inches out from his sternum? Orbison may have been shy, but did he stare at his shoes quite so doggedly when other people were talking to him?

The production does little to cover up shortcomings, being essentially an excuse for a series of songs. The flimsiness of Ross's linking scenes is the more glaringly obvious when, for example, during a heart to heart between Roy and his angry abandoned son, Wesley is seen passing his dad a mike for the next number. Martin Glyn Murray (as Bruce Springsteen and John Lennon), casually clicking his fingers and smirking quizzically, introduces vital humour and relaxation.

Regrettably, however, it is only in the encore that the evening explodes into life. Suddenly, in something between a jam session and a cast party, everybody starts enjoying themselves. Steve Tremblay, distinctly awkward as Wesley, is now leaping off podiums and swinging his pelvis around with abandon while Paul Besterman (Bob Dylan) is hopping along the edge of the stage blasting away on his mouth organ. Had I been on the end of a row, I would have been up and bopping. I had spent much of the show wishing I was in an aisle seat for less positive reasons.

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GALLERIES: **John Russell Taylor** finds an affinity between a veteran painter and a show of new ceramics

How to stay young at heart

By a curious coincidence, the title of the exhibition downstairs at the Barbican Art Gallery, **The Raw and the Cooked**, could equally well be applied to that upstairs, a major retrospective of the Scottish painter **Alan Davie**, now 73 and more than due such a tribute.

Davie has always been, to put it mildly, eclectic in his choice of influences. Or, one should rather say, sources, since his work is, almost from the outset, instantly recognisable and quite unlike anyone else's. Thus, artistically there are very few influences in evidence, but for the sources of his imagery he seems to have ransacked the religions, philosophies and indigenous cultures of the world.

Apart from an early flirtation with the drip and dribble of Abstract Expressionists like Pollock and Instantanéistes like Mathieu, Davie has had little truck with fashionable fads in art. Since, sometime in the Fifties, he finally threw off a certain kind of Scottish Post-Impressionism, rather too dour to be related to the Scottish Colourists who otherwise spring to mind, he has cheerfully taken aboard the imagery of Jain and Voodoo, Australian Aborigine and Tarot, American Indian and even, possibly, a touch here and there of the Celtic, a notional heritage of which, as a Scot, he is very proud.

Some of these elements crop up quite raw in his work, some cunningly blended into highly sophisticated confections. The overall result of Davie's "quest for the miraculous" is very difficult to describe to anyone who has not seen his work. Or at least, any halfway accurate description must make it sound like some New Age mishmash. There is certainly that side to it: Davie seems to have been born again in the Sixties as a mature hippy, and since then he has been to all the places and read all the books one expects of a seeker after all-embracing truths.

But the work itself is much more disciplined and intellectually complex than all that suggests. Despite the Spanish texts which frequently sprinkle Davie's paintings, not to mention the Australian Aboriginal figures in silhouette, the overwhelming impression is of various kinds of Indian art. Not so much in the details of imagery, though these are many, but much more in a general like-mindedness. Davie delights in colour intense to the point of garishness, mottled surfaces which in India itself frequently come about through the ravages of time and climate, and an almost obsessive ornateness, loading every rift with ore or tinfoil.

> 'He happily shows no sign of growing up or settling down'

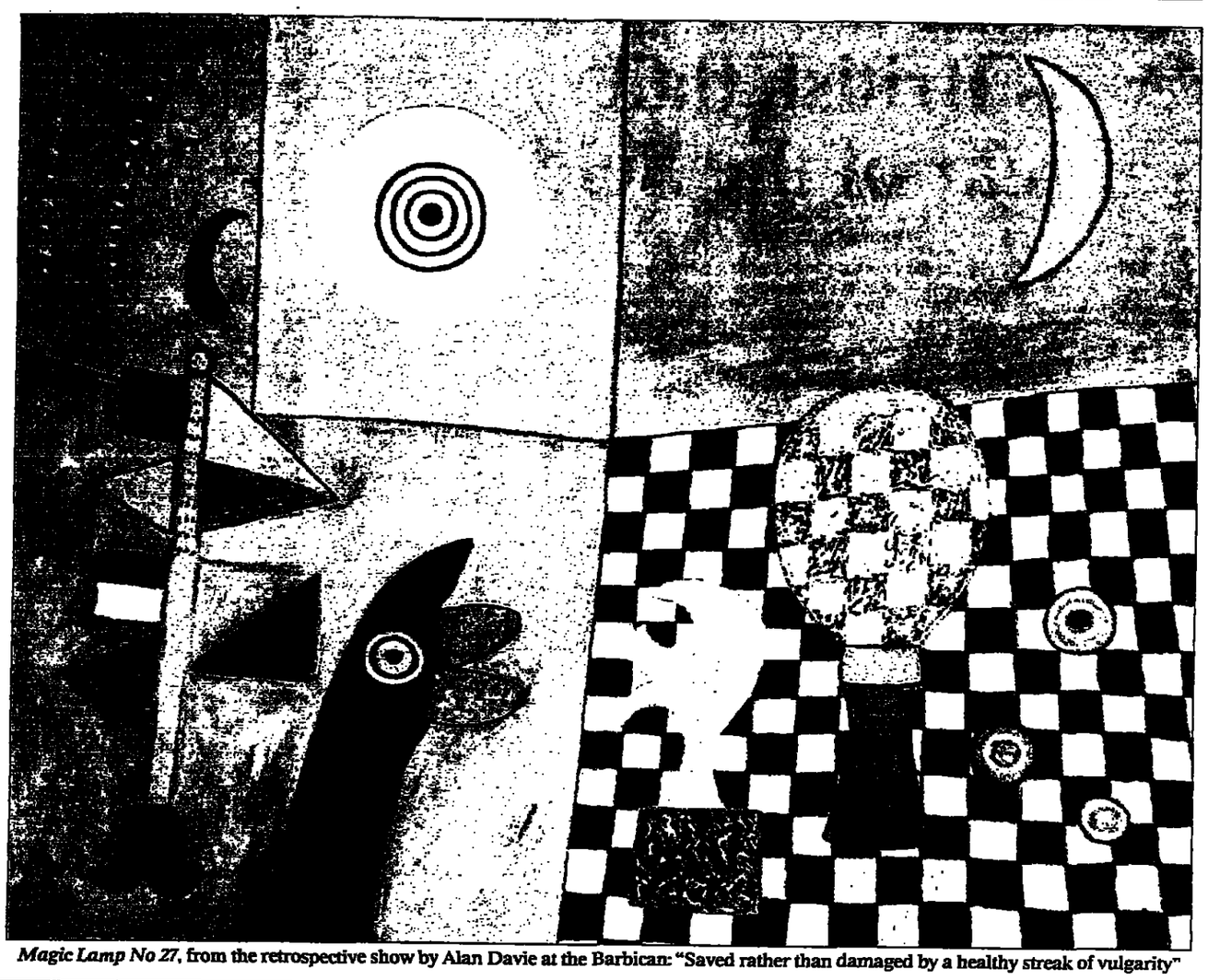
This means that the show is lively, sometimes oppressive in the sheer amount of detail one has to take in, and saved rather than damaged by a healthy streak of vulgarity, which can also be read as disdain for the nicer conventions of European good taste. At the age of 30 Davie was an iconoclastic *enfant terrible*. In his seventies he happily shows no sign of growing up or settling down.

The material downstairs which is literally either cooked or raw turns out to be clay, as in ceramics. But the one thing this show of work by contemporary clay-artists in Britain is emphatically not about is cups and plates and practical vessels of any kind. Rather, it points out that clay, whether fired or not, is an artist's medium like any other. Some of the artists here seen using it have been trained as more conventional kinds of potter, and have gone in search of wider horizons; others come from painting or sculpture and clearly regard working in clay as another useful resource.

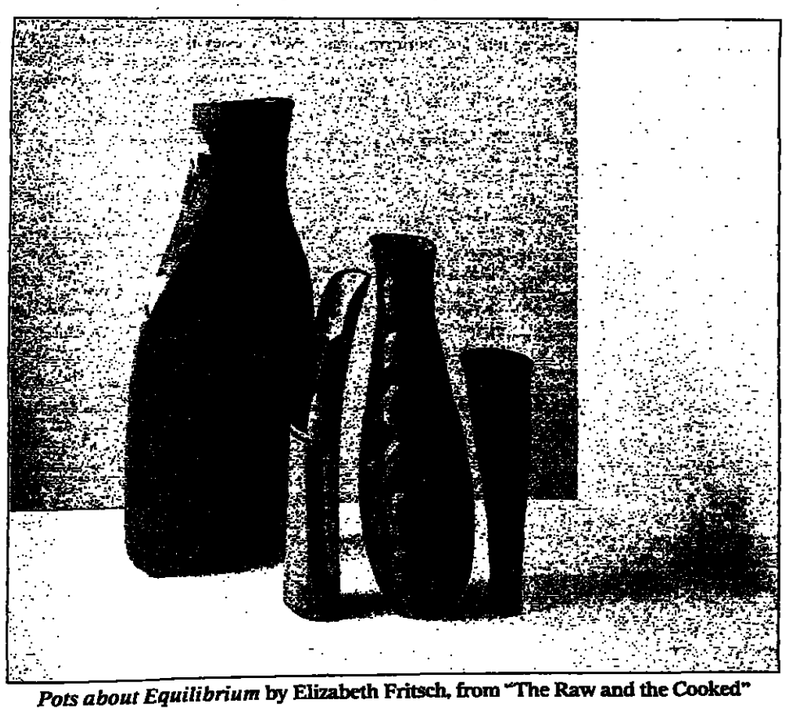
The resultant display of (mostly large) works by some 30 artists is, to begin with, stunningly laid out: it is difficult to remember the awkward spaces of the Barbican Art Gallery ever looking so good. The work itself is of amazing diversity and invention. Some of the classic potters are present, such as Elizabeth Fritsch and Alison Britton, each with things that use the idea of the traditional vessel as a launching pad for more abstract, existential developments. Then we have sculptors such as Tony Cragg and Anthony Gormley, painters such as Bruce McLean, each working in his own recognisable style, merely in a different medium.

The most exciting works, often, are those by potters who have never been bound by the conventions, like Ewen Henderson and Sarah Radstone, both of whom make haunting, knobbly-textured pieces which look as much like objects found on the edge of a volcano or in a coral reef as they reasonably can while staying evidently "made". Jacqueline Poncelet also began as a potter and has grown into a sculptor, producing free-standing polychromatic objects which defy rational analysis. After Swansea, this eye-opening show is going to Japan. For once it will not seem like carrying coals to Newcastle.

● Alan Davie/The Raw and the Cooked. *Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141) Mon, Wed-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues 10am-5.45pm, Sun noon-6.45pm, until September 5. Adm. £4.50, concs £2.50.*



Magic Lamp No 27, from the retrospective show by Alan Davie at the Barbican: "Saved rather than damaged by a healthy streak of vulgarity"



Pots about Equilibrium by Elizabeth Fritsch, from "The Raw and the Cooked"

The Burrell keeps rolling on

Andrew Gibbon Williams on the tenth birthday of a Glasgow art collection

It is good to be reminded that not so long ago Britain was blessed with wealthy individuals of taste and discrimination. One such was Sir William Burrell, the Glaswegian shipping magnate whose collection is now Scotland's leading tourist attraction.

The low-rise building which houses the Burrell Collection is currently celebrating its tenth birthday, an occasion being marked by an exhibition which reflects the achievement of the great benefactor and, at the same time, draws attention to the successful architectural solution which was found to the problem of displaying his extraordinary legacy.

The story of the Burrell is one of municipal ambition slowly but ultimately gloriously realised. Sir William, a Victorian success story though not a self-made man, was his father's partner in the shipping company Burrell & Son. For more than 50 years he collected with passion, finally giving his collection to the city of Glasgow in 1944.

The enormous donation of art treasures was, however, not without strings. Sir William decreed, first, that his collection had to be displayed in an area of the city free from industrial pollution and, second, that these "works of man" were to be seen amid the "works of nature".

This was a very tall order and one which took nearly half a century to satisfy. To locate the museum in the countryside would have been to defeat the object of providing a great new urban asset for Glasgow. In 1966, however, the city inherited the magnificent mansion called Pollok House (now a museum) and with it came extensive parkland.

By the 1970s a combination of the effect of the Clean Air Act and Glasgow's otherwise lamentable industrial decline had ensured that the environmental horrors of Scotland's largest conurbation were far less hazardous to works of art. In 1978 Burrell's daughter was able to press the starter button on the first bulldozer.

The much acclaimed building designed by Barry Gasson, John Meunier and Brit Andreson is still pleasing if not exciting. It is at least an undogmatic statement in the Scandinavian manner which stops short of competing with the landscape.

Inside, enjoyment of medieval tapestry and stained glass, of oriental sculpture and ceramics, of 17th-century English needlework and furniture, is enhanced by the green panoramas made possible by glass walls. In the airy interior courtyard, the Warwick Vase (a restored Roman work) provides a dramatic focus for a remarkably various collection.

Art against a green panorama: *The Lohan* (15th century) one of the exhibits in Glasgow's Burrell Collection

One of the main purposes of the present exhibition is to highlight this extraordinary variety. Burrell began his collecting career in the 1890s by acquiring 17th-century Dutch pictures, but his horizons soon expanded under the influence of his friend, the architect Robert Lorimer. By the 1920s he was collecting in very disparate areas: the applied arts of Gothic Europe, oriental art of all descriptions, 19th-century Dutch, French and Scottish painting.

Chief among the paintings is a large picture by the Hague School artist, Matthijs Maris. Entitled *Butterflies*, it is a cloying picture of a dreamily smiling young girl by an artist who even Burrell admitted was "not everybody's painter"; but Burrell liked it and it tells us a lot about Scottish tastes at the beginning of this century.

Near by are to be found an exquisite silk Suzani wall-hanging from central Asia and, in further contrast, a tiny cap and pair of kid gloves embroidered in silk, wool and metal. The latter items once belonged to Cromwell.

Normally, of course, Burrell himself is a silent presence behind his great collection. For this special celebration, however, light has been shone on his personality and family background. The collector's mother and sister were both painted by the Glasgow Boys George Henry and Sir John Lavery respectively, and their portraits are on show. So, too, are Burrell's fastidious account books.

The exhibition also makes the point that the Burrell is anything but a collection preserved in aspic. Additions are occasionally possible thanks to the finance of a special fund set up by Burrell himself.

Most recently, a superb 17th-century Ottoman silk hanging and a Dutch fluteglass engraved with a jolly representation of the future William III of England has been acquired. Both are of a quality which might have seduced Sir William himself.

● *The Burrell Collection, Glasgow (041-649 7151)*

BBC to finance five British films

ARTS BRIEFING

TWO pieces of good news at last for the British film industry. The BBC has pledged finance for five feature films a year in a three-year deal. In the week that sees the BBC's Stephen Frears/ Roddy Doyle film, *The Snapper*, opening in London, the BBC's commitment to the industry was confirmed by Mark Shivas, BBC's head of films.

"This is a terrific opportunity to accelerate the reputation we've built up across the world with films like *Truly Madly Deeply*, *Enchanted April* and *Antonia and Jane*," he says. All the films will have cinema and video release before being shown on television.

Meanwhile, one of the UK's best-known film companies, Hammer, this week announced a multi-million pound deal with Warner Brothers. In partnership with Donner/Schuler-Donner Productions, Hammer will develop film and television ideas based on its classic titles, including *Horror of Dracula*, *Curse of Frankenstein* and *One Million Years BC*. A number of top directors, including Martin Scorsese and Wes Craven, have expressed interest in re-makes.

● YOU'VE seen the movie, now see the musical. While Londoners flock to Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard*, based on the Billy Wilder film, New Yorkers are awaiting the Broadway opening of *The Red Shoes*. The new musical, with a score by Jule Styne and book and lyrics by Marsha Norman, is based on the classic British film of 1948 by Powell and Pressburger. Previews of *The Red Shoes*, directed by Susan Schulman and choreographed by Lar Lubovitch, begin on November 2 at the Gershwin Theatre.

Last chance . . .

EVERY ballet company needs a production of *Swan Lake* and English National Ballet was long overdue for a good one. So Raissa Struchkova's reworking of the old Bolshoi production comes as a welcome addition to the repertoire. Straightforward and attractive, this version doesn't attempt to impose contemporary values on 19th-century romanticism. Final performance at the Festival Hall (071-928 8800) on Saturday.

CABARET: **Tony Patrick** previews Edinburgh Festival acts in London

Getting in trim for the Fringe

All over the still-growing London comedy cabaret scene, Edinburgh Fringe shows are being tried out. Anybody prepared to put in the legwork here can save the expense and discomfort of actually going up to the festival.

BAC in Battersea has had the "Short BAC and Sides" season, and I caught the newly reactivated **Helen Lederer** there. She has been concentrating on television work (notably *Naked Video*) and her nervousness at returning to live shows was not entirely concealed by a contrived "this is just a try-out" opening.

She was nearer the truth than she might have realised with her suggestion that the venue had wanted somebody to represent the older generation of comics, and that since Joyce Grenfell is dead, Lederer got the job. Like the great Grenfell, she is able to summon up characters — a bitchy agent, oleaginous dating service boss or spiteful rejected girlfriend — with the minimum of fuss, deftly conveying nuances of speech and exposing pretentions. Missing last week were the compassion and sympathy that made even Grenfell's cruellest mini-portraits acceptable.

Not that Lederer spares herself in the show, *Still Crazy After All These Years*, built around scenes from her relationship with her now ex-husband, at group therapy classes and failing to get work as an actress: the attempted voice-over for a toy warehouse was a miracle of comic compression and control.

Working entirely solo and full of the nervous movement that makes her television work so engaging, she was stretched to fill 50 minutes convincingly with these sketches, though her one-liners were sizzlingly good. I suspect the show will have changed by the time it gets to the Assembly Rooms.

That is unlikely to happen to **Earl Okin's** *Nothing to Do With Sex Whatsoever* (at Moray House in Edinburgh), which he previewed at the East Dulwich Tavern. Okin seems never to have stopped performing his urbane, faultlessly musical comic shows in both mainstream and fringe venues, and this latest hour-long entertainment is relaxed and assured. Blues, jazz and bossa-nova songs are interspersed with his own, including a take on "My Way" about bad stage pianos. His vocal imitations of saxophone, trumpet and clarinet solos are both funny and soulful, and his extended introductions give him the air of a Denis Norden of 20th-century popular music. His guitar and keyboard playing are a joy; long may he ramble.

Helen Lederer: back in front of a live audience

Sharing Okin's bill last week with their new *Open the Box* show, **Draylon Underground** are at the Pleasaunce for the festival, and could make the breakthrough to bigger things on their third Edinburgh visit. Matthew Diamond founded this *a cappella* group six years ago while at university, and now his four fellow singers are Simon Gilman (also musical director and arranger), Maria Waldron, Bernie Klissman and Peter Coleman.

Neatly choreographed by Billy Daniels-Braham, *Open the Box* is a potted history of television, held together as a tribute to the late Michael Miles, the host of the game-show *Take Your Pick*. Sometimes only a few bars of theme tunes are included to jog memories and underline lyrical points, but from the Stargazers-like opener, through the Watersons-style folksong "Watched the Coronation" to the mock-spiritual finale, "Sell Your Soul to Television", the music is top-notch.

Ideas, good jokes and brilliantly economical visual effects whizz by, so be sure to get a seat from which you can hear all the words as well as see this inventive and tireless quintet perform. The advertising jingles for Glinto toothpaste skilfully transport you through the changing decades, and the parodies, from the soap-opera version of *The Diary of Anne Frank* to the win-an-organ-transplant gameshow, are short and sharp. Waldron and Gilman may just have the edge over the others as singers, but this is above all an ensemble effort, well worth catching.

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BARCLAYS new stages FOR INDEPENDENT THEATRE

Italians move clear as British flail at rear of the field

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Italians tightened their grip on the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup yesterday, moving three points clear of the Australians with a consistent display during the third inshore race of the series held in Hayling Bay.

Their performance in testing 18-20 knot winds and lumpy seas was in stark contrast to the British, whose three boat team dragged along at the back of this highly competitive fleet. Graham Walker's Indulgence finished seventh among the 50 footers, and Provezza Source, skippered by Stuart Childerley, ended the day sixth in the two ton fleet, the same position as Glyn Charles and his GBE crew scored in the one tonners.

As a result the host team continued to languish seventh among the eight nations taking part, only ahead of a depleted Dutch team.

Winning his weight in champagne, Giorgio Carriero and his Mandrake crew led the fleet home for the second day in succession finishing the testing 25 mile course almost two minutes ahead of Syd Fischer's Australian yacht Ragamuffin. That performance was backed up by second place among the two tonners for Lorenzo Bortolloti's Larouge and a third by Paul Cayard's one-tonner, Brava Q8.

The top performer so far in the Champagne Mumms series is Great News II, formerly the disappointing two tonner Wings of Oracle which represented Britain two years ago. Now owned by John Calvert-Jones, the Bruce Farr design has been transformed by a change of crew. Colin Beashal, the Australian America's Cup skipper, has led an Australian crew into a 15 point lead over La Rouge in the overall standings.

The Indulgence crew, by contrast, suffered a day which went from bad to worse, rounding the first mark last of the 50-footers. Walker's crew gained a place during the penultimate beat but this was lost when bowman Tim Haines was lifted off the foredeck when the spinnaker pole was tripped accidentally during the sail hoist. "He went up with a clew and was left dangling over the water," said helmsman Chris Law.

Law, who was called back from Australia to strengthen Walker's team after their patchy performance in the British 50 foot series two weeks ago, admitted last night: "The standard of British yachting has declined in recent years. The other countries here have a far more professional approach and I think we have to recognise that. It is obvious that our three boats are off the pace. It's not just at this level. It's across the board."

"It won't take much to pick up — a realisation that we are behind and a willingness to win. But what's scary is that the UK doesn't realise it."

☐ The art of Cowes week is creating order from the chaos as 25 classes comprising more than 700 boats set out for a day's racing on the Solent (Alix Ramsay writes). Yesterday the fine line between order and mayhem was almost breached in a fresh breeze with a fast tide.

There were several casualties including the X boat, Ibex, which finished the day on the bottom of the Solent with no more than the top of its mast breaking the waves. Owned by David Corney, its crew jumped ship to safety and headed for shore aboard another boat in the fleet.

The start was delayed by almost an hour as two container ships made slow and stately progress across the line with the timing of their arrival causing havoc among the Etchells as they tried to get their race underway.

Greg Peck's Camp Freddie racked up its second win of the week in CHS class one beating the perpetual runner-up, Bounder of the Century, for the second day running.

☐ A crewman aboard Galicia, the Spanish Whitbread round-the-world yacht, was airlifted to Salisbury Hospital yesterday after a cable severed his left hand in a training accident southeast of Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

Right royal test for sturdy Yeoman

BY ALIX RAMSAY

SIR Owen Aishar must be wondering about the wisdom of putting Yeoman XXVIII, his Sigma 38, out to charter during Cowes week.

After the Duke of Edinburgh and ex-King Constantine of Greece had hit another boat and a marker buoy in the first two days, he must have thought the worst was over. However, the most dangerous moments for the yacht come when the motor launch from Britannia draws alongside.

These days naval officers are more used to programming computers than they are with the technicalities of steering a boat, and every time the launch arrives with a royal celebrity from Yeoman it gouges lumps out of the hull.

Who says good guys don't win? On Monday, as the stiff breeze took the day boats by surprise, causing a fair amount of damage, three well-meaning souls pulled out of their respective races to help some stranded boats. Yesterday the race jury announced that Colin McKinnon in the X boat class, Austin Spraggs in the Victory class and John and Maureen Ingram in Class 5, had all been reinstated in the results list despite not finishing the course, keeping their chances in the overall class championships alive. However, the jury is still searching for the crew that went past a broken boat offering no more by way of help than a few hand signals and a great deal of laughter.

There was little sympathy yesterday for Dick Johnson, the broadcaster. He was providing a running radio commentary during the start, picking holes in the tactics of the fleet. His broadcast was terminated prematurely when he and his transmitter began sinking, and he was last seen furiously baling out his boat in an attempt to keep pride and equipment intact.

SIMON WALKER

Watching brief: Amy Gowshall's eyes twinkled as the favourites fell yesterday at Royal Leamington Spa, where the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association national triples championship entered its final stages (David Rhys Jones writes). Gowshall, above, a 14-year-old schoolgirl, from Grimsby, created a record when she arrived on Monday; she was the youngest competitor to qualify for the nationals. By tea-time yesterday, she had booked a place in the semi-finals. "I was nervous when I started but, once the games got under way, I relaxed and enjoyed myself," she said, after helping Park Avenue, which also includes her mother, Christine, the 1992 EBF four-bowl singles champion, and Nora Hall, to a 19-11 win over Burbage, Leicestershire, and a 16-15 victory over Rugby Thornfield. Obediently dispatching her bowls according to her mother's instructions, she took charge of her team's tactics with a surprising degree of authority when her mother was on the mat. Her chances of further success improved as a Peterborough triple skipped by Catherine Anton, once regarded a young upstart but now, at 27, a senior international, failed to reach the last eight.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lentini recovering from car accident

GIANLUIGI Lentini, the most expensive football player in the world, sustained a fractured skull in a car accident yesterday, but doctors are optimistic he will be able to resume his career. The AC Milan forward, bought for $25 million from Torino last year, lost control of his Porsche Turbo on a motorway between Piacenza and Turin. He was thrown from the car when it hit a safety barrier. The vehicle ended in a ditch and burst into flames.

"He is slowly coming round and recognised his father and some friends when they visited him," said Carmelo del Giudice, the medical director at the Turin hospital where Lentini is being treated. The club president, Silvio Berlusconi, said: "Our hearts are in our mouths. I hope that with his strong constitution he will recover quickly."

Lentini, 24, capped nine times by Italy, was returning from a tournament in Genoa to spend two days with his family.

Fisa allows driver aids

MOTOR RACING: Fisa yesterday accepted a compromise in the technology dispute that had been threatening the future of Formula One racing. The governing body's world council decided in a fax vote to allow traction control and active suspension until the end of the season, but confirmed that the electronic driver aids would be banned in 1994. Fisa last month outlawed the high-technology equipment fitted in most leading cars.

All the Formula One teams agreed unanimously in Hockenheim on July 22 to accept technical changes for next year. Fisa said active suspension and traction control would be banned in 1994, along with the ABS braking system, geometry control and four-wheel steering.

Thomson withdraws

EQUESTRIANISM: Mary Thomson, the former national champion and a member of the Olympic three-day event team in Barcelona last year, has withdrawn from the longlist for the European three-day event championships in Germany next month because of an injury to her horse, Star Appeal. The eight-year-old gelding suffered a puncture wound to the sole of his near fore while competing at the Montacute horse trials last month. "I am very disappointed," Thomson said yesterday, "but he is only an eight-year-old and has a great future."

Kiwis double-header

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wembley will stage an international double-header on October 16. The Great Britain Academy side will play New Zealand Junior Kiwis before the first of three Great Britain-New Zealand internationals. The Junior Kiwis' nine-match itinerary includes a second Academy international at Wigan on October 21. St Helens have exchanged the hooker, Paul Groves, for Tommy Martyn, 22, the Oldham stand-off half, and have secured Ian Pickavance, 24, the Swinton forward, on loan for a month.

Razaq to coach Royals

BASKETBALL: Vince Razaq, the former London Towers player and director, has taken over as coach of Hemel Hempstead Royals. He succeeds Andy Gill, who resigned after Hemel finished bottom of the first division last season. The Royals were saved from relegation by Razaq, 32, who has also bought the club. He convinced the Basketball League that Hemel were a viable enough proposition to stay in the first division at the expense of Crystal Palace, who expected to be promoted along with Doncaster.

Barley to take over

RUGBY UNION: Bryan Barley, 33, the former England centre, has been appointed captain of Yorkshire, last season's ADT county championship finalists, five years after making the last of his 30 championship appearances. Barley takes over the captaincy from Peter Buckton, of Waterloo, for the game at Otley, the Yorkshire Cup holders, on September 1. Paul Stewart, the Wakefield lock, has been included in the North squad for a tour to France starting tomorrow as Charles Cusani, of Orrell, is injured.

Nagel clear in Dublin

EQUESTRIANISM: Carsten-Otto Nagel, of Germany, drew first blood at the Dublin international show with a clear round in 35.65sec on Franziska. Michael Whitaker looked the best British prospect after a fast clear round on Everest Monsanta. But he pulled out of the jump-off to save the elderly horse for bigger things. Marie Burke, of Ireland, won the speed event with Chip A Diamond. Michael Whitaker was in contention until Everest Lifestyle stopped before a grassy bank with a low pole on top.

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First round

Montrose v East Stirling ... ...

Queen of South v Stranraer ... ...

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Colchester Unit v Chelsea (7.45); Exeter City v Oxford United. Gala Fairydean v Dunfermline Athletic. Hereford United v Coventry City. Lincoln City v Nottingham Forest. Millwall v Sporting Lisbon (8.0). Morecambe v Burnley; Oldham Athletic v Derby County; Scunthorpe United v Norwich City; Shrewsbury Town v Swindon Town. Walsall v Aston Villa. Watford v QPR (8.0); Reading v Portsmouth (7.45)

CRICKET

Seeboard Trophy

One-day match

HOVE: Sussex v Surrey (11.0)

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. Maidstone: Kent v Somerset. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire. The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire. Horsham: Sussex v Lancashire. Moseley: Warwickshire v Glamorgan. Barnt Green: Worcestershire v Durham.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Reading: Berkshire v Cheshire. March: Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire. Mildenhall: Suffolk v Staffordshire

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EWBA national championships (Leamington)

POLO: National 15-goal championship (Cirencester).

SWIMMING: European championships (Sheffield)

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SAN SEBASTIAN: European junior championships: Men: 1,500m: 1, P Estevez (Sp), 3min 45.00sec; 5, R Scanlon (GB), 3.49.16, 8, N Caddy (GB), 3.49.97. 5,000m: 1, V Kashaev (Russ), 13.54.32; 4, D Burrows (GB), 14.13.61; 8, C Stephenson (GB), 14.24.56. 400m hurdles: 1, C Silva (Por), 50.27, 3, N Levy (GB), 51.47. 4 x 100m: 1, Great Britain, 40.01. 4 x 400m: 1, Great Britain, 3.07.38. Women: 1,500m: 1, M Dominguez (Sp), 4.17.26; 9, J Machell (GB), 4.28.33. 3,000m: 1, G Szabo (Rom), 8.50.97; 4, H Moulder (GB), 9.18.07. 100m hurdles: 1, D Allahgreen (GB), 13.42. 400m hurdles: 1, I Tirlea (Rom), 56.43; 7, A Curbishley (GB), 59.50. Discus: 1, C De Brun (Holl), 55.30m; 6, E Merry (GB), 49.98m. Heptathlon: 1, K Gutjahr (Ger), 5,650 pts; 7, U Elobh (GB), 5,282. 4 x 100m: 1, Great Britain, 44.31.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 12, Pittsburgh Pirates 10; Cincinnati Reds 6, Colorado Rockies 2; New York Mets 4, Montreal Expos 3; St Louis Cardinals 5, Florida Marlins 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 4, New York Yankees 0; Baltimore Orioles 7, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Texas Rangers 9, Chicago White Sox 8.

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Liverpool Victoria English women's national championships: Triples: First round: Chesham (P Rodgers) bt County Arts, Norwich (V Chapman), 21-8, Southport (M Marshall) bt Waverley, Notts (H Morley), 22-12, Bideford (G Bale) bt Greenhill, Weymouth (J Searle) 16-12, Leighton Buzzard (J Mitchell) bt Corringham, Yorks (M Garland), 17-14, Norton, Durham (N Shaw) bt Hinchley Wood, Surrey (M Stopher), 22-13, Park Avenue, Grimsby (C Gowshall) bt Thatcham, Berks (B Reynolds), 20-12, County Arts (S Curtis) bt Wigton (E Watters), 22-19, Carlton Conway, Notts (B Atherton) bt Cowes IoW (P Proud), 17-11, Burbage, Leics (R Green) bt Blackwell, Derby (J Thompson), 19-15, Rugby Thornfield (M Edwards) bt Hounslow Sports (I Jenkins), 21-13, Braeside, Herts (R Owen) bt Choddington, Bucks (J Dunn), 24-13, Durham City (F Cowling) bt Summerhill, Northumberland (J Little), 16-15, (after extra end), Ledbury (E Maddox) bt Sandown (A Denness), 20-10, Peterborough and District (C Anton) bt Croydon (E Vigor), 24-21 (after extra end), Henfield, Sussex (J Bracey) bt Kingswood and Hanham, Bristol (C Cloke), 14-9, Penhill, Swindon (D Woodley) bt Folkestone (A Snelling), 19-16, Westminster, Brackley (M Gearey) bt Frome Pk (J Barnard), 29-9, Colchester (B Brown) bt Eastfield, Louth (L Wood), 25-7, Woodley, Berks (S Sullivan) bt Felixstowe and Suffolk (G Rednall), 16-7, Roebuck, Herts (P Roberts) bt Southampton Women (W Line), 23-10; Feltham, Middx (A Philpot) bt City and County, Oxford (M Bateman), 18-15; Wigston Magna, Leics (D Wood) bt Bromley Town (J Lyon), 22-3; Whitnash, Warwicks (M Tims) bt Sele Farm, Herts (J Lonergan), 21-15; Gt Baddow, Essex (J Polley) bt Sandy Town, Beds (R Addison), 17-11, Molins, Herts (L Daran) bt Manor Pk, Surrey (P Poole), 21-19; Banbury Central (G Jelis) bt Poole Ph (E Fletcher), 21-15, Painswick, Glos (E Crawford) bt Kettering Lodge (G Fitzgerald), 20-14, Redruth (W Stevenson) bt Minehead (K Male), 22-12, Swinton (D Preddl) bt Beccles Conservatives (M Ashford), 17-15; Cambridge Chesterton (D Ralph) bt Launceston (A Russell), 18-10; Brixham (W Barnard) bt Kingsway Hove (D Whittingham), 17-10; Long Eaton Silver Band (A Selvey) bt Cambridge Chesterton (J Tunbridge), 19-14, Bideford bt Southport, 22-10; Norton bt Leighton Buzzard, 25-8; Park Avenue, Grimsby bt County Arts, 12-9, Burbage bt Carlton Conway, 13-10, Rugby Thornfield bt Braeside, 23-10; Ledbury bt Durham City, 17-11, Peterborough and District bt Henfield, 21-9; Penhill, Swindon bt Westminster, Brackley, 17-16, Colchester bt Woodley, 27-13; Roebuck bt Feltham, 22-16; Whitnash bt Wigston Magna, 25-8, Great Baddow bt Molins, 19-18 (after extra end), Danbury Central bt Painswick, 18-15; Redruth bt Swinton, 16-15. Second round: Cambridge Chesterton (D Ralph) bt Brixham, 21-12, Chesham bt Longeaton Silver Band, 20-8. Third round: Chesham (P Rodgers) bt Cambridge Chesterton (D Ralph), 20-17, Norton (N Shaw) bt Bideford (G Bale), 21-11; Park Avenue (C Gowshall) bt Burbage (R Green), 19-11, Rugby Thornfield (M Edwards) bt Ledbury (E Maddox), 14-13, Penhill (D Woodley) bt Peterborough and District (C Anton), 19-7, Colchester (B Brown) bt Roebuck (P Roberts), 26-12, Great Baddow (J Polley) bt Whitnash (M Timms), 17-15, Swinton (D Preddl) bt Redruth (W Stevenson), 19-9

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Norfolk 226-4 dec (S G Plumb 107 not out, S C Goldsmith 77) and 144 (S C Goldsmith 63, N P Hackett 4-52). Stafford: Essex 237-2 dec (D A Sarks 97 not out, S J Dean 80) and 146-4. Staffordshire won by six wickets. St Albans: Hertfordshire 203-4 dec and 221-6 dec. Bedfordshire 174-9 dec and 186-6. March drawn. Banbury: Cheshire 228-4 dec and 160. Oxfordshire 155-6 dec and 207-2. Oxfordshire won by eight wickets.

EQUESTRIANISM

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW: Kerrygold Welcome Stakes. 1, Franziska (C-O Nagel (Ger), clear, 35.65sec; 2, Samsung President Papillon (R-Y Bost, Fr), clear, 36.94; 3, Impulse (P Charles, Ire) clear, 37.49

GLIDING

LA ROCHE SUR YON, France: European junior championships Seventh day (provisional, 260km Tri) no completions of 30. Equal 1, B Marsh (GB), ASW24 and L Monti (It, SZD55) and G Grinza (It, Discus) and S Colombo (It, Discus) 227km. 985 pts, 5, A Sandhoelner (Austria, LS4); 226.881; 6, J Grenert (Pol, SZD55), 210, 819; equal 26, D Allison (GB, LS4), 183km, 713pts. Club (provisional, 177km Tri) 15 completions of 19: 1, J Bouzid (Fr, C101) 61.5kph, 635pts; 2, Y Mignot (Fr, C101), 60.33, 615, 3, F Hahn (Ger, ASW15A), 57.13, 580; 4, A Butlewiewicz (Pol, Jantar3), 58.15, 577; 5, P Koutny (Cz, VSO10) 53.24, 530; 6, L Hansen (Den, LS1), 55.24, 527. British: 13, K Hodgson (Pegase), 45.11, 353; 14, R Toon (Astir), 43.37, 338; 15, S Houston (ASW19), 43.6, 327. Overall (provisional) Standard: 1, L Temhoit (Den, Discus), 4,945 pts; 2, K Siebert (Ger, Discus), 4909, 3, M Grund (Ger, Discus), 4,857, 4, Colombo (It), 4,796; 5, A Kessler (Ger, LS7), 4,781; 6, F Dubreuil (Fr, Discus), 4,753. British: 13, Marsh, 4,304; 21, Allison, 3,979. Club: 1, Mignot (Fr), 4,708 pts; 2, Bouzid (Fr), 4,532; 3, Hahn (Ger), 4,479; 4, Hansen (Den), 4,451; 5, Kawa (Pol), 4,412; 6, Haussler (Ger), 4,403. British: 12, Hodgson, 3,631, 14, Toon 3,527, 15, Housden, 3,434

REAL TENNIS

HOBART: Tasmanian Open championship: Semi-finals (Australia unless stated). R Fahey bt N Wood (GB), 6-4, 6-5, 6-4. B Toates bt P Meares, 6-3, 5-6, 6-5, 6-2

RIFLE SHOOTING

SASKATOON: Saskatchewan rifle championships: Teams of six (600 yds): 1, GB Mann Cassian's Team, 291 (J Underwood 101), 2, Saskatchewan, 287 (N Sutil 99), 3, The Rest, 287, 4, GB Captain's Team, 283 (R Groenthwaite, D Taylor 48). International teams of eight (900 and 1,000 yds): 1, GB, 1,046, 2, Saskatchewan 986, GB individual: A Luckman, 138; G Cann, 136; B Hanagan, 133., N Ball, 131; D Cole, 130; P Gray, 129, P Kent, 126, S Brown, 122.

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: World junior women's team championship: Fifth qualifying round: Pool A: Scotland 3, Malaysia 0; England 3, South Africa 0, England 3, United States 0; New Zealand 3, Malaysia 0; South Africa 3, Hong Kong 0. Pool B: Canada 3, Ireland 0, Australia 3, Germany 0; Egypt 2, Switzerland 1.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European championships: Finals: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, A Kasvio (Fin), 147.11, 2, E Sadovi (Russ), 1:47.25, 3, A Holmertz (Swe), 1:47.89. British: 4, P Palmer, 1:48.84; 13, A Clayton, 1:51.79. 100m breaststroke: 1, K Gutler (Hun), 1.01.04; 2, N Gillingham (GB), 1:02.02; 3, V Kinnchuk (Russ), 1:02.48. British: 15, R Maden, 1:04.71. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 54.57 (European record); 2, M Moravcova (Slo), 55.97; 3, C Plewinski (Fr), 56.09. British: 6, K Pickering (GB), 56.44. Did not qualify: 22, S Rolph, 58.58sec. 400m medley: 1, K Egerszegi (Hun), 4:39.55; 2, D Shmoleva (Russ), 4.44.91; 3, H Germa (Cz), 4:48.37. British: 11, J M Hardman, 4.52.82; 14, H Slatter, 4.54.90. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: 1, Germany (K Kielgass, S Osypus, F van Almsick, D Hase), 8.03.12; 2, Sweden, 8.08.82, 3, Britain, 8.11.11. Water polo: Men: Group E: Greece 7, Slovakia 7, Holland 14, Great Britain 2, Slovakia 9, Hungary 14. Group F: Germany 10, Romania 6, Romania 11, Italy 10. Women: Group A: France 21, Switzerland 6, Hungary 15, Russia 12. Group B: Holland 20, Germany 8, Germany 24, Slovakia 1. Diving: Three-metre springboard: Men: Preliminary round: Did not qualify: 20, A Ali (GB), 302.64. Final: 1, J Hempel (Ger), 637.77, 2, D Saurin (Russ), 619.59, 3, J Andersson (Swe), 589.74, 4, A Samenouk (Belarus), 578.76; 5, R Volodkov (Ukr), 563.61, 6, S Lomanovski (Belarus), 561.90. 3m springboard: Preliminary round: Did not qualify: 14, A Rofley (GB), 239.91pts. Women: 3m springboard final (ten dives): 1, B Baldu (Gre), 41.68pts, 2, V Ilina (Russ), 494.25, 3, S Koch (Ger), 493.05. Synchronised swimming: Solo final: 1, O Sedakova (Russ), 183.781, 2, M Aeschbacher (Fr), 178.510, 3, K Shacklock (GB), 178.147, 4, G Burlando (It), 175.508, 5, M Both (Holl), 174.996, 6, M Muller (Ger), 170.796.

YACHTING

COWES WEEK: Royal Yacht Squadron CHS Class I (Bathsheba Trophy): 1, Camp Freddie (G Peck), 2, Bounder of the Century (C Little), 3, J-Hawk (N Bramwell) CHS Class II (Asher Salver): 1, Woodstock (J Reichers); 2, Local Hero (G Howison), 3, Victinc 3 (A de Mulder). CHS Class III (de Maas Cup): 1, Panic IV, (B Leth); 2, Kosmos (I Graham); 3, Coolride (M Sheehan) CHS Class IV (no trophy): 1, Miss Piggy (M Vincent and S Lamerton); 2, Nokorse (S Lawrence) Owl (P Bruce), CHS Class V (Pelamedes Lighthouse Trophy): 1, Pawky Goo (J and M Ingram), 2, Dynamite (J McIntosh), 3, Dementia (T Wyeth). CHS Class VI (Stewart Morris Decanter) 1, Throbber (B and C Watkin), 2, Charlotte Sometimes (E Donald and C Appleby), 3, Challot (M Moody) IMS Class A (Cordon Rouge Trophy), 1, Aurora (S Sheldon); 2, Eagle (T Todd), 3, Encore (J Dolan) Sigma 38 (Canmrose Memorial Trophy): 1, Arbitrator (P Bellew); 2, Select Pleasu (S van Bilderpeek); 3, Scorpio (V Hilditch) Sigma 33 (Dunelm Trophy): 1, Shadowfest (J Nelson); 2, Workout (J Worboys); 3, Firestorm (J Perry). Contessa 32 (Pollock Trophy): 1, Trader Jo (J Gresham and N Inchbald), 2, Blue Contessa II (R McGregor); 3, Wight Rabbit (P Rails). South Coast OD (YW Teapot Trophy): 1, Tio Pepe (P and D Rook); 2, Tuonela (R Harding), 3, Mahogany Log (J Hill) 26ft (Creighton Cup): 1, Head Case (J Callesbrook); 2, Completely Halstand (Whelan/McAdam); 3, Chaotic (S Hine and D Struth) Sonata (Tuesday Decanter): 1, Cadenzza (J Frey); 2, Exposition (G Payne); 3, Rhythm 'n Blue (J Stuppie) Daring Jack Raymond Trophy): 1, Dauntless (P Porter), 2, Daring (C Sharples); 3, Decanter (J and G Simpson). Etchells (Chisholm Cup). 1, Impudence (M Strang); 2, Candida (P Andreae and P Shanks), 3, Jessica (R Power and N Griffith) Dragon (Nainby Luxmoor Trophy) 1, Dragon Lady (A Garriott), 2, Domino (P Morton); 3, Ruyin (R Perkins) Swallow (Tomahawk Trophy) 1, Echo (C Body and S Miller), 2, Kingfisher (J Cunnison), 3, Boomerang (J Bucknell and J Prunty) Redwing (Brabazon Trophy). 1, Quail (J Pool); 2, Lady Lautata (W Clegg), 3, Rosetta (Sir William Mallinson) Sunbeam (Pera Messenger Trophy), 1, Dainty (P Nicholson), 2, Danny (R Wickens), 3, Honey (W Dickson) Mermaid (Pamela Snagge Trophy) 1, Rosemary (N Dobbs and W Edwards), 2, Hallul (R and J Hill); 3, Bluebell (S Shaed) Flying 15 (Hayling Hull Trophy): 1, Foilader (D Rutherford), 2, True Colours (M Dixon and S Sowen), 3, Grippie Nipper (G and S Latham) XOD (Harold Hayles Bowl) 1, Felix (J Allanby), 2, Zoa (J Tombs and H Deavin); 3, Long Slur (M White) Squib (Lapsang Tea Tray). 1, Atom (G Jordan), 2, Heartbeat (P Ramsden), 3, Solu (Commandor D Howitt) Victory (Courage Barclay Trophy) 1, Steadfast (B Middledach); 2, Woozle (N Sefton-Smith), 3, Nada (I Perrymon)

TENNIS

ISTANBUL: Men's ATP Challenger tournament: First round: C Bailey (GB) bt A Mornov (Lat), 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; M Petchoy (GB) bt J-P Fleuren (Fr), 6-1, 6-4, A Foster (GB) bt J-I Carrasco (Sp), 6-1, 7-6

CINCINNATI: Men's ATP Challenger tournament: First round: C Woodruff (US) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5

Chris Bailey: first-round winner in Istanbul

WORD-WATCHING

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JORUM

(c) A large drinking bowl or vessel and its contents especially punch: Fielding (1730): "The usurer is a swallow, sir./ That can swallow gold by the jorum." Goldsmith (1773) *She Stoops To Conquer*: "Then come put the jorum about./ And let us be merry and clever."

SISSOO

(b) A valuable Indian timber tree: also *seesoo, seesu, sissu* — (Urdu (Hindi), *Cornhill Magazine* (1874): "Studded here and there with tall clumps of sal and sissoo." Stewart and Brandis (1874): "The Sissoo tree is indigenous in the sub-Himalayan tract."

ANGEKOK

(a) An Eskimo sorcerer or medicine man: J.Gambold (1767): "When a dearth befalls them [sc. Greenlanders] at sea, an angekok must undertake a journey hither."

IPECACUANHIC

(b) A peculiar form of tannic acid found in ipecacuanha root: of or potaining to ipecacuanha: containing ipecacuanha in chemical combination. as *ipecacuanhic acid*: Watts (1865-72): "Ipe(ca)cuanic acid ... is a reddish-brown, very bitter, amorphous mas, soluble in ... alcohol and water."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White gives up his rook with 1 Qg6! in search of bigger game. After 1 ... Rxd1+ 2 Kg2 Rd2+ 3 Kh3, the mate threat on h6 is decisive.

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Weatherbys boost for newcomers

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A CONSIDERABLE financial boost for the grass roots level of racing was unveiled by Weatherbys yesterday.

The Wellingborough-based company, which deals with the day-to-day administration of the sport, is embarking on a £40,000 sponsorship programme deliberately aimed at new trainers and owners.

The Weatherbys Newcomers Series will feature 16 races with added prize money of £50,000 — split between the Flat and National Hunt. While the races will be open to all yards, a special bonus scheme will apply to trainers who have been licensed since the beginning of 1990.

The Flat and National Hunt yards which accumulate the most points awarded to winners, placed horses and runners will each receive £10,000, to be split 60:40 between the trainer and his staff.

In addition, Weatherbys is sponsoring awards for the top Flat and National Hunt owners, registered since the start of 1990, which will be presented at the Racehorse Owners Association's annual dinner dance.

There are 100 trainers who have taken out licences since 1990 — 69 dual purpose, 26 jumps and five Flat. Flat trainers who qualify include Peter Chapple-Hyam, Julie Cecil and David Loder, while the candidates within the jumping ranks include Simon Sherwood, Charlie Egerton and Richard Rowe.

Hopefully, the owners' awards may play their part in stemming the dangerously high turnover among people owning horses — currently about 30 per cent a year.

Johnny Weatherby, chairman of the sponsoring company, said yesterday: "It is very important to encourage new owners and trainers and we feel the Weatherbys Newcomers Series is a definite step in the right direction.

"These are difficult times for owners and trainers, and we have given a lot of thought to the best way of using our sponsorship resources to the maximum effect.

"Our package will have three major benefits. We are sponsoring 16 races spread across the country with total added value of £50,000. We are providing bonuses totalling £20,000 for the leading new Flat and National Hunt yards, and we are giving important recognition to the leading new trainers and owners of the 1990s who are the potential stars of the future."

Richard Rowe, who sent out 24 winners in his first season as a trainer last year, attended the Weatherbys launch and commented: "The owners' awards are just what is needed. I have found that owners who have been fortunate enough to win races appreciate the walk up to the VIP room and the free video.

"The newcomers series has been well thought out and will be of benefit especially to the stable lads. In a small yard, the lads are unlikely to earn as much from pool money [a percentage of prize-money] as in a big yard, so this cash incentive is a great boost."

Akehurst upset by appeal decision

REG Akehurst yesterday accused the Jockey Club of bias towards Newmarket trainers after losing his appeal against the disqualification of Knowth at Goodwood last week.

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee upheld the decision to demote Knowth to second place in the William Hill Cup last Tuesday and award the race to Rose Alto.

But Epsom-based Akehurst insisted the scales were tipped against him because Rose Alto is trained in Newmarket by James Fanshawe.

Referring to the Jockey Club Estates' recent distribution of brochures promoting Newmarket to owners all over the country, Akehurst said: "They do seem to like to promote Newmarket and I'm sure this did not help me in the inquiry."

"They listened to everything we said, but we lost of course," he said. "If it had been in a court with a judge and jury we would have won — but you just can't beat the system."

The Jockey Club's spokesman, David Pipe, refuted claims that Akehurst had been given an unfair hearing. "What the Jockey Club Estates do would have no bearing on this case," he said. "They are a subsidiary of the Jockey Club, but they have their own board and make their own decisions.

"They were carrying out a marketing and promotional exercise when they wrote to owners about having their horses trained in Newmarket."

The disciplinary committee took 90 minutes to confirm the Goodwood stewards' ruling that the apprentice rider, Danny Wright, had been guilty of careless riding in allowing Knowth to hamper the second horse home, Rose Alto.

The horses made slight contact as Knowth edged left inside the final furlong.

Akehurst claimed that George Duffield, the rider of Rose Alto, had also broken the rules, taking the ground of two other horses during the race. Knowth's disqualification is expensive for his owners. They collect £11,775 instead of the £39,168 first prize.

The disciplinary committee imposed a one-day riding ban on Wright, which will be enforced this Friday. At the time of the offence, Wright had only been cautioned because the stewards mistakenly believed he was a seven-pound claimer.

GEORGE HERRINGSHAW

Lost appeal: Reg Akehurst feels that he did not receive a fair hearing

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: VERCINGETORIX (8.00 Kempton Park)

Next best: Mr Nevermind (4.30 Brighton)

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Powerful Edge
2.30 Pie Hatch
3.00 Blackpatch Hill
3.30 Fiveofive
4.00 Marjorie's Memory
4.30 PISTON (nap)

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 BLACK ROCK STAKES (£3,406: 6f 209yd) (5 runners)

1 (3) 1-60010 PEMBROKE 19 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-6 Pat Eddery 95
2 (4) 632053 ROCKY WATERS 4 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-6 B Rouse 99
3 (5) 302001 POWERFUL EDGE 13 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-4 L Dettori 97
4 (1) 220000 DOUBLE BLUE 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 4-9-2 T Williams 96
5 (2) 00 SULA MOON 20 (Mrs D Pyatt) C C Elsey 3-8-3 J Quinn —

BETTING: 11-8 Powerful Edge, 2-1 Pembroke, 11-4 Double Blue, 4-1 Rocky Waters, 50-1 Sula Moon.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PEMBROKE 9½l 7th of 11 to Thourios in a conditions race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). ROCKY WATERS 12½l last of 3 to Peto in a conditions race at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). POWERFUL EDGE beat DOUBLE BLUE (subsequently disqualified and placed last, 4lb better off) 2½l in a conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). DOUBLE BLUE 4¾l 7th of 11 to Ibraz in a handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm).
Selection: POWERFUL EDGE

2.30 GORING SELLING HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 3f 196yd) (9 runners)

1 (8) 03-1000 MOLLY SPLASH 39 (C,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-9-10 J D Smith (7) 97
2 (1) 01/000-6 WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 9 (G) (Chaseside Racing) R Rowe 5-9-9 T McLaughlin (7) —
3 (4) 120-500 BY ARRANGEMENT 42 (F,G) (Mrs S Woodman) S Woodman 4-9-9 L Dettori 86
4 (6) 100-0 APRIL CITY 53 (S) (M Holmes) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-9 D Holland 90
5 (9) 420041 FANATICAL 16 (B,D,F,G) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 7-9-7 W Newnes 90
6 (2) 5-03342 PIE HATCH 11 (B,D,F,G) (Miss E Aldous) M Prescott 4-9-4 G Duffield 93
7 (5) 503666 FLASH OF STRAW 16 (B) (Mrs J Akehurst) J Akehurst 4-8-10 S Whitworth 99
8 (3) 0/-00020 STANE STREET 16 (F) (J Reade) R Phillips 5-8-8 J Reid 95
9 (7) 00/-5500 GO FORUM 25 (D,F,G) (The Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 8-8-7 Pat Eddery 96

BETTING: 2-1 Fanatical, 11-4 Pie Hatch, 7-2 Molly Splash, 6-1 Flash Of Straw, 7-1 Stane Street, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BY ARRANGEMENT 13l 10th of 18 to Wild Strawberry in a claiming handicap at Salisbury (1m, good)
FANATICAL beat With Gusto 1½l in a 13-runner selling handicap at Bath (1m 5f, good) with PIE HATCH (5lb better off) 2¾l 4th and FLASH OF STRAW (11lb better off) 7½l 6th. PIE HATCH ¾l 2nd of 8 to Reel of Tulloch in a selling handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good to firm)
Selection: FANATICAL

3.00 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£5,588: 1m 3f 196yd) (7 runners)

1 (3) 0-41612 CRYSTAL CROSS 18 (BF,D,F,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 4-10-0 L Dettori 90
2 (7) 051130 BLACKPATCH HILL 32 (D,G) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-9-13 W Carson 92
3 (1) 02-0210 FIELDRIDGE 32 (G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 4-9-11 Pat Eddery 93
4 (4) 561001 GLIDE PATH 32 (D,F,G) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 4-9-10 M Hills 90
5 (5) 242250 DURSHAN 18 (F,G) (Bonusprint) J Jenkins 4-9-7 J Reid 92
6 (6) 0/1-1030 PHARAMINEUX 11 (CD,F,G) (Nicholas Roterman) R Akehurst 7-9-6 T Quinn 91
7 (2) 244031 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 13 (CD,F,G) (B Saumtally) Bob Jones 5-6-2 J Quinn 99

BETTING: 11-4 Glide Path, 3-1 Lookingforarainbow, 4-1 Crystal Cross, 9-2 Blackpatch Hill, 6-1 others.

1992: BARRISH 6-9-4 J Reid (7-2) R Akehurst 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL CROSS beat Ambiguously Regal 2l in a 6-runner handicap at York (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GLIDE PATH beat Highflying 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good) with BLACKPATCH HILL (8lb better off) 14l 10th and FIELDRIDGE (9lb better off) 29l last. DURSHAN best recent effort when 3l 2nd of 7 to Castle Courageous in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, good to firm). PHARAMINEUX 33l last of 7 to Whitechapel in a handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good). LOOKINGFORARAINBOW beat Addicted To Love 5l in a 7-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: CRYSTAL CROSS

3.30 STANMER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 7f 214yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 040230 THE LITTLE FERRET 6 (K Higson) R Hannon 9-7 B Rouse 93
2 (3) 003040 PAIR OF JACKS 12 (V,G) (R Dalton) W Muir 9-5 T Quinn 96
3 (2) 543-55 DANNY BLUE 27 (B) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 A Munro 81
4 (8) SEATTLE AFFAIR (H Shipton) R Rowe 8-10 A Clark —
5 (4) 4-65100 FIVEOFIVE 40 (CD,F) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 8-4 Pat Eddery 98
6 (7) 121-004 PONTEVECCHIO MODA 13 (F,S) (The Five W's) W Jarvis 8-0 W Carson 99
7 (5) 3050-00 BAN RI 4 (A Neaves) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-10 T Williams 87
8 (6) 60000 LOBELIA 46 (Mrs J Naughton) T Naughton 7-10 D Wright (5) —

BETTING: 9-4 The Little Ferret, 7-2 Pontevecchio Moda, 4-1 Fiveofive, 5-1 Pair Of Jacks, 8-1 others.

1992: DURNELTOR 4-9-2 J Reid (85-40 fav) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE LITTLE FERRET 6¾l 3rd of 8 to El Duco in a maiden over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start.
DANNY BLUE 6½l 5th of 8 to Duke of Dreams in a maiden at Redcar (7f, firm). FIVEOFIVE 20l 9th of 10 to Karachi in a claimer at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Previously beat Precious Air neck in a handicap over course and distance (firm).
PONTEVECCHIO MODA 3¾l 4th of 17 to Noeprob in a seller here (7f, good to firm) with BAN RI (4lb better off) 9¾l 11th. BAN RI 3¾l 9th of 21 to Falland in a selling handicap at Windsor (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: FIVEOFIVE

4.00 JIMMY HEAL MEMORIAL TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,660: 5f 59yd) (3 runners)

1 (1) 54641 MARJORIE'S MEMORY 22 (D,G) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7 J Reid 98
2 (3) 0011 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 8 (D,F,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 8-13 (7ex) W Carson 96
3 (2) 002444 JUST GREENWICH 47 (B) (E Penfold) T Mills 8-0 A Munro 99

BETTING: 2-5 Selhurstpark Flyer, 7-2 Marjorie's Memory, 4-1 Just Greenwich

1992: FIVEOFIVE 9-7 J Reid (9-4) N Callaghan 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARJORIE'S MEMORY beat Colne Valley a head in an 8-runner handicap at Leicester (5f, good). Previously 3¾l 4th of 18 to Jade Pet in a maiden at Salisbury (5f, good). SELHURSTPARK FLYER beat Admiralella 1¾l in a 12-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). Previously beat Dance Focus 1½l in a 7-runner maiden at Redcar (5f, firm). JUST GREENWICH 5¾l 4th of 8 to Takadou in a maiden at Redcar (5f, good to firm). Earlier 4¾l 4th of 10 to Roxanian in a maiden at Epsom (5f, good to firm).
Selection: SELHURSTPARK FLYER

4.30 HASSOCKS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,321: 6f 209yd) (7 runners)

1 (6) 232131 MISS GORGEOUS 12 (D,F,G,S) (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 99
2 (7) 0-21434 FINAL FRONTIER 46 (D,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 9-5 T Quinn 94
3 (3) 2352-03 PISTON 12 (BF) (S Sohail) B Hanbury 9-5 B Raymond 96
4 (4) 430351 DAILY SPORT DON 11 (D,G,S) (Rotchale Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 A McGlone 97
5 (5) 000541 MR NEVERMIND 7 (CD,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 8-13 (5ex) B Rouse 98
6 (1) 0-34306 COALISLAND 18 (B) (P McKenzie) R Ingram 8-11 J Weaver 97
7 (2) 6-60003 AHJAY 7 (R Thomas) D Wilson 7-9 J Quinn 93

BETTING: 11-4 Mr Nevermind, 3-1 Piston, Daily Sport Don, 11-2 Miss Gorgeous, Final Frontier, 12-1 others.

1992: OLETTE 9-6 M Hills (5-2) G Wragg 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISS GORGEOUS beat Persiansky 2l in a 3-runner conditions race at Carlisle (7f, good to soft). FINAL FRONTIER short-head and a head 3rd of 11 to Kassbaan in a handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PISTON 5l 3rd of 7 to Newbury Coat in a maiden at Yarmouth (5f, good to firm). DAILY SPORT DON beat Hawayah 2l in a 10-runner handicap at Warwick (7f, good). MR NEVERMIND beat Nitouche 2l in a 13-runner handicap at Epsom (7f, good). COALISLAND best recent effort when 2½l 3rd of 11 to Desert Nomad in a maiden handicap over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: MR NEVERMIND (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
W O'Gorman	3	4	75.0	J D Smith	3	9	33.3
J Gosden	9	33	27.3	L Dettori	25	88	28.4
J Berry	7	27	25.9	W Carson	46	188	24.5
M Prescott	18	73	24.7	J Weaver	4	17	23.5
R Akehurst	21	98	21.4	Pat Eddery	21	93	22.6
J Dunlop	15	71	21.1	G Duffield	21	111	18.9

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.50 Lots Of Luck. 3.20 Salska. 3.50 Ttyfran. 4.20 Princess Kris. 4.50 Sobering Thoughts. 5.20 Princess Oberon. 5.50 Michaela Mia.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.20 Princess Kris. 5.50 Meavy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.50 HYDE SPORTING PROMOTIONS LADIES HANDICAP (£2,954: 1m 2f 6yd) (12)

1 6303 CREDIT SQUEEZE 11 (F) R Johnson Houghton 3-11-7 Miss E Johnson Houghton 3
2 2-03 LOTS OF LUCK 34 (BF,D,F,G,S) J Pearce 10-11-6 Mrs L Pearce 11
3 0-45 KALKO 109J (F) M Hammond 4-11-4 Miss Kate Milligan (3) 6
4 4003 TOUR LEADER 9 T Barron 4-10-13 Mrs A Farrell 10
5 0040 BREEZED WELL 23 (F,G) B Cambidge 7-10-3 Mrs H Noonan 5
6 0603 LAZY RHYTHM 6 (G,S) J Eyre 7-10-1 Mrs C Hirst (3) 9
7 0062 CUTTHROAT KID 9 (V) S Norton 3-10-0 Mrs M Cowdrey 7
8 0004 LUCKY NOIRE 9 (F,S) G Harwood 5-9-13 Miss A Harwood 8
9 4210 THUNDERING 23 (F,S) A Jones 8-9-10 Miss Diana Jones 2
10 4405 WEAVER GEORGE 47 N Chamberlain 3-9-4 Miss C Metcalfe (3) 4
11 4643 DOUBLE THE STAKES 9 F Lee 4-9-0 Mrs G Rees 12
12 6036 BONNY PRINCESS 14 W Storey 3-9-0 Miss S Storey (3) 1

11-2 Cutthroat Kid, 6-1 Lots Of Luck, Tour Leader, 13-2 Credit Squeeze, 7-1 Lucky Noire, 8-1 Thundering, 10-1 Double The Stakes, 12-1 Kalko, Breezed Well, 14-1 Weaver George, 25-1 others.

3.20 FEATHERSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,378: 6f) (12)

1 4 BOLD ALEX 12 S Norton 9-0 D Pears (3) 1
2 44 DINOT 26 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 6
3 4 DYNAMIC DELUXE 18 I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane 10
4 0 GALAXY RAIN 11 B McMahon 9-0 T Wall 2
5 IN A MOMENT S Norton 9-0 J Fortune 8
6 02 LUNAR MISSION 11 M Tompkins 9-0 K Darley 3
7 6 THE ARDINGLY FAIR 22 B Morgan 9-0 L Charnock 9
8 WINNING LINE M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 11
9 03 MONAASSABAAT 27 (BF) M Stoute 8-9 W R Swinburn 12
10 SALSKA J Glover 8-9 Dean McKeown 5
11 SNOWDON SLIGHTS M Tompkins 8-9 P Robinson 7
12 THE DEACONESS Mrs A King 8-9 K Fallon 4

5-4 Monaassabaat, 11-2 Lunar Mission, 6-1 Dynamic Deluxe, Salska, 8-1 Bold Alex, Dinot, 10-1 Snowdon Slights, 12-1 In a Moment, 14-1 others.

3.50 UPTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,611: 1m 4f 8yd) (6)

1 4121 CIVIL LAW 11 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-5 S Perks 2
2 2221 TTYFRAN 12 (CD,F) F Lee 8-6 Paul Eddery 3
3 LARKSPUR LEGEND J Mackie 8-5 J Fanning 1
4 0 JASPER ONE 12 R Woodhouse 8-4 N Connorton 5
5 6513 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 18 (BF,F) S Norton 8-3 S Maloney (3) 6
6 4 LIME JUICE 20 Mrs M Reveley 8-1 K Darley 4

6-4 Civil Law, 7-4 Ttyfran, 3-1 Follingworth Girl, 14-1 Lime Juice, 33-1 Larkspur Legend, Jasper One.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 7 winners from 20 runners, 35.0%; J Toller, 3 from 12, 25.0%; I Balding, 7 from 31, 22.6%; W Jarvis, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 68, 19.1%; M Tompkins, 15 from 87, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: W Swinburn, 10 winners from 44 rides, 22.7%; R Cochrane, 11 from 58, 19.0%; R Hills, 10 from 53, 18.9%; A Garth, 5 from 27, 18.5%; K Darley, 24 from 163, 14.7%; N Connorton, 9 from 63, 14.3%.

4.20 PARKSIDE INNES & LEISURE HANDICAP (£5,071: 1m 4yd) (5)

1 -400 NASHVILLE BLUES 32 (D,F,G) J Hills 4-9-11 R Hills 5
2 5-00 LAP OF LUXURY 11 (D,F,G) W Jarvis 4-9-7 N Day 4
3 1101 MOON SPIN 16 (D,F,G) W Hern 4-9-6 Paul Eddery 1
4 4460 HAMADRYAD 42 (V,F,G) S Norton 5-9-5 O Pears (3) 3
5 3152 PRINCESS KRIS 33 (D,F) M Stoute 3-8-2 W R Swinburn 2

2-1 Moon Spin, 11-4 Princess Kris, 7-2 Nashville Blues, 4-1 Lap Of Luxury, 7-1 Hamadryad.

4.50 CHAPLINS CLUB HANDICAP (£3,817: 5f) (10)

1 28-4 MAGIC PEARL 86 E Alston 3-9-10 Stephen Davies (5) 9
2 3320 SOBERING THOUGHTS 11 (C,D,F,G) J Eyre 7-9-9 N Adams 10
3 5425 MY GODSON 20 (B,CD,F,S) B Beasley 3-9-2 J Fortune 5
4 0221 MILBANK CHALLENGER 12 (D,F) M H Easterby 3-9-0 M Birch 6
5 0140 SECOND COLOURS 18 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-0 K Darley 1
6 -000 ADMIRALS REALM 7 (C,F) B McMahon 4-9-0 A Mackay 3
7 5005 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 7 (C,D,F,G) Mrs A King 4-8-13 K Fallon 7
8 3422 KABCAST 5 (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-5 S Wood 4
9 0131 NORLING 12 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 3-8-0 L Charnock 8
10 -523 FARNDALE 19 (BF) B Morgan 6-7-13 P Robinson 2

4-1 Norling, 5-1 Milbank Challenger, 11-2 Second Colours, 13-2 Magic Pearl, 15-2 Sobering Thoughts, 8-1 My Godson, Kabcast, 10-1 Followmegirls, 14-1 Admirals Realm, Farndale.

5.20 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,635: 5f) (7)

1 1100 TRENTESIMO 16 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 7
2 2263 FIRST OPTION 33 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-9 K Darley 4
3 5824 SPLASH OF SALT 7 (D,G) T Naughton 8-8 A Garth (5) 1
4 0053 PRINCESS OBERON 6 (D,F) M Bell 8-6 M Fenton (3) 3
5 5436 COCONUT JOHNNY 2 (B,D,F,S) G Moore 8-3 J Fanning 2
6 0-0 RIVER REFUGE 14 J Toller 8-0 Dale Gibson 6
7 05- SAY SUNPAK 440 Mrs V Aconley 7-9 L Charnock 5

11-8 Princess Oberon, 11-4 Trentesimo, 7-2 First Option, 7-1 Splash Of Salt, 10-1 Coconut Johnny, 16-1 River Refuge, 100-1 Say Sunpak.

5.50 LEDSTONE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,954: 1m 4f 8yd) (8)

1 DANCE FEVER Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 M Birch 2
2 HOME PARK M Stoute 9-0 P D'Arcy 1
3 -600 RARE OCCURANCE 11 M Charles 9-0 R Painter (7) 6
4 SHARP SENSATION M Hammond 9-0 J Marshall (5) 8
5 5054 SPICE BOX 6 I Balding 9-0 S O'Gorman 5
6 TOMSK G Harwood 9-0 N Day 4
7 0-6 MEAVY 12 W Jarvis 8-9 M Tebbutt 3
8 3-03 MICHAELA MIA 21 D Loder 8-9 K Darley 7

9-4 Michaela Mia, 7-2 Spice Box, Meavy, 5-1 Home Park, 11-2 Tomsk, 10-1 Dance Fever, 14-1 Sharp Sensation, 100-1 Rare Occurance

Marcus shows talents

BASIL Marcus, the reigning champion jockey in Hong Kong, kept in trim for the imminent Far East season with a victory on Wahem, owned and trained by his host in this country, Clive Brittain, at Brighton yesterday.

Preparing to defend his title in Hong Kong, where he rides for David Hill, 36-year-old Marcus will leave Britain after riding at Newmarket on Saturday.

He showed excellent judgment of pace on Wahem in the Town Hall Handicap, surrendering the lead after three furlongs and then taking control again inside the final furlong to win by two lengths.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

6.00 Supreme Master. 6.30 Art Tatum. 7.00 Cape Weaver. 7.30 Shades Of Jade. 8.00 Storm Regent. 8.30 Dee Raft.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 AL MOULOUKI (nap).

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,054: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

101 0000 VITAL CLUE 6 (G) R O'Sullivan 5-10-0 D Gibbs (5) 3
102 5511 HALHAM TARN 18 (D,F,G) D Elsworth 3-9-9 Tracey Purseglove (5) 8
103 5231 SUPREME MASTER 6 (D,G,S) R Hannon 3-9-4 (3ex) Mark Denaro (5) 9
104 1115 INDIAN FLASH 12 (D,F,G,S) R Guest 3-9-3 S Effert (5) 2
105 4300 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 5 (G) W Musson 3-8-10 D McCabe (3) 11
106 2346 SPANISH REFUGE 16 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 D Harrison 4
107 406- MAGSOOD 392 (D,F) S Mellor 8-8-8 J D Smith (3) 14
108 0000 CHILD STAR 12 (G,S) D Marks 4-8-8 S McCarthy (5) 15
109 0000 SIMPLY 42 (D,G) R Akehurst 4-8-8 L Carter (5) 7
110 4030 PICKLES 13 (G) R Lee 5-8-7 B Doyle 1
111 0003 PRINCESS ERMYN 15 M Dixon 4-8-6 B Russell (3) 10
112 0401 RIMOUSKI 20 (D,S) B Cambidge 5-8-1 D Wright 12
113 6053 CATHOS 25 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-8-0 Sharon Millard (5) 6
114 -004 HALLOW FAIR 11 (D,F,S) C Horgan 8-7-9 F Norton 5
115 4000 CANDARELA 26 P Howling 3-7-7 N Gwilliams 13

5-2 Supreme Master, 4-1 Halham Tarn, 6-1 Indian Flash, 7-1 Cathos, 8-1 Rimouski, Spanish Refuge, 12-1 Broughtons Formula, Princess Ermyn, 20-1 others.

6.30 EBF RIVERMEAD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,413: 7f) (16)

201 0302 ARABOYBILL 9 B Palling 9-0 A Clark 3
202 5 ART TATUM 19 R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 14
203 45 BONAIGUA 25 (BF) G Harwood 9-0 M Hills 2
204 22 BUMAAN 23 H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 13
205 58 DUELLO 28 M Blanshard 9-0 L Dettori 7
206 EXPLORE MONDIAL J Eustace 9-0 R Cochrane 15
207 3 LAXFORD BRIDGE 25 P Harris 9-0 Paul Eddery 12
208 PATRICE N Callaghan 9-0 W Newnes 6
209 PRISCIAN'S HEAD Mrs J Cecil 9-0 G Duffield 1
210 STASH THE CASH R Hannon 9-0 S Raymont 4
211 SUPERLATIVECASTING J Ffitch-Heyes 9-0 T Williams 10
212 SWINGING SIXTIES G Moore 9-0 B Rouse 9
213 TAMMUZ W Hern 9-0 W R Swinburn 8
214 TOMMY COOPER Mrs B Waring 9-0 D Wright (5) 5
215 WATER BARON M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 A Munro 16
216 PETITE MEMORIES T Mills 8-9 J Reid 11

11-4 Laxford Bridge, 5-1 Bumaan, 13-2 Bonaigua, Tammuz, 8-1 others.

7.00 PREMIER MARKETS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,089: 7f) (12) SKY

301 321-2 CAPE WEAVER 13 (F) J Gosden 9-7 L Dettori 2
302 4116 PLAY HEVER GOLF 46 (F,G) T Naughton 9-6 D Holland 11
303 3045 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 25 (F,G) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 1
304 21-30 DIXIELAND MELODY 12 (F) B Hanbury 8-13 W R Swinburn 5
305 105 HILARY GERRARD 87 (CD,S) Mrs J Cecil 8-13 G Duffield 3
306 3156 FEATHER FACE 41 (D,G) C James 8-11 W Newnes 10
307 5051 AL MOULOUKI 6 (D,F,S) J Payne 8-11 (5ex) R Cochrane 12
308 2211 NO EXTRAS 14 (F,G,S) G Moore 8-10 B Rouse 8
309 016-0 DISKETTE 41 (S) Lord Huntingdon 8-4 D Harrison (3) 9
310 0026 BELFRY GREEN 85 C Horgan 8-1 R Hills 6
311 -504 KELLY MAC 15 M Channon 7-7 J Quinn 7
312 066 MISS COPYFORCE 35 Miss B Sanders 7-7 D Wright (5) 4

5-2 Al Moulouki, 9-2 No Extras, 5-1 Cape Weaver, 8-1 Southern Memories, 10-1 Play Hever Golf, 12-1 Dixieland Melody, Feather Face, 14-1 others.

7.30 LADBROKE COMMENTARY HANDICAP (£3,557: 5f) (9) SKY

401 5001 JOBIE 8 (D,G) W Haggas 3-10-1 (6ex) W Woods 9
402 6400 LOVE LEGEND 70 (V,CD,F,G) D Arbuthnot 8-10-0 A Procter (5) 7
403 2544 PEERAGE PRINCE 4 (B,D,F,G) Pat Mitchell 4-9-11 R Cochrane 1
404 -000 TEMPLE FORTUNE 61 (D,F,G) B Meehan 4-9-11 L Dettori 4
405 U422 SEA-DEER 8 (D,BF,G) L Holt 4-9-5 A Munro 2
406 2006 LYNDON'S LINNET 7 (D,F) R Ingram 5-9-4 J Weaver 3
407 -200 VISIMOTION 14 M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-1 W R Swinburn 6
408 0600 JOE SUGDEN 12 (D,F,G,S) P Howling 9-8-5 W Newnes 8
409 4605 SHADES OF JADE 7 (D,F) J Bridger 5-7-12 G Bardwell 5

9-4 Sea-Deer, 3-1 Jobie, 5-1 Peerage Prince, 6-1 Visimotion, 13-2 others.

8.00 LYDE GREEN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,720: 6f) (11) SKY

501 0011 VERCINGETORIX 6 (D,G,S) G Lewis 9-8 (5ex) Paul Eddery 11
502 034 MERLIN'S FIELD 22 R Hannon 9-7 Mark Denaro (7) 7
503 643 ROMAN REEL 11 G Moore 9-6 B Rouse 5
504 0312 ADMIRALELLA 8 (D,F) J Akehurst 9-5 J Reid 10
505 0044 CHARLIES DREAM 11 K Burke 8-9 D Holland 4
506 4034 LADY PHYL 7 B Meehan 8-9 B Doyle (3) 9
507 1441 LEAP OF FAITH 15 (V,D,G) D Loder 8-8 L Dettori 1
508 0634 SHFNAK 12 (B) W Haggas 8-7 M Hills 8
509 03001 STORM REGENT 18 (D,G) S Woods 8-7 W Woods 3
510 0554 MOCKINGBIRD 21 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-4 D Harrison (3) 6
511 0564 SON OF HADEER 35 P Howling 7-11 J Quinn 2

9-4 Vercingetorix, 6-1 Admiralella, 7-1 Leap Of Faith, 8-1 Storm Regent, 10-1 Merlin's Field, Shfnak, 12-1 Roman Reel, 14-1 Son Of Hadeer, 16-1 others.

8.30 LOOKING FOR A HURDLER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,768: 1m 2f) (7)

601 5132 DEE RAFT 23 (D,BF,G) B Hills 9-4 Pat Eddery 4
602 0440 REGALSETT 16 (F) R Hannon 9-1 J Reid 3
603 088 CHASE THE STARS 47 C Cyzer 8-13 W Newnes 2
604 00 WHATONE BELL 55 M Meggendge 8-13 Mark Denaro (7) 1
605 21-41 SEAMA 7 (D,G) M Prescott 8-11 A Munro 6
606 4025 TEJANO GOLD 27 P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 5
607 5 HAPPY TUPPENCE 37 C Hill 8-2 J Quinn 7

2-1 Seama, 9-4 Dee Raft, 3-1 Regalsett, 11-2 Tejano Gold, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; B Hanbury, 8 from 44, 18.2%; W Hern, 6 from 40, 15.0%; J Gosden, 13 from 87, 14.9%; B Hills, 10 from 74, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: Tracey Purseglove, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; Pat Eddery, 42 from 206, 20.4%; A Munro, 17 from 116, 14.7%; D Holland, 6 from 42, 14.3%; R Cochrane, 23 from 196, 11.7%.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

6.15 Warwick Warrior. 6.45 Sir Tasker. 7.15 Gaelic Star. 7.45 Hunting Ground. 8.15 Miss Fascination. 8.45 Talented Ting.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.45 TALENTED TING.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 13YD - 6F 15YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.15 GREASLEY MINERS WELFARE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,110: 6f 15yd) (10 runners)

1 04 CHEERFUL GROOM 7 J Mackie 8-11 G Hind 7
2 035 PACIOLI 16 M Williams 8-11 J Williams 5
3 600 PARIS SYMPHONY 14 J Berry 8-11 J Fortune 8
4 50 WADDLE 51 M Tompkins 8-11 S Mulvey (7) 3
5 5 WARWICK WARRIOR 11 P Haslam 8-11 Dean McKeown 9
6 WENLOCH LAD J Peacock 8-11 T Wall 10
7 0 MINIBAR 12 J Wainwright 8-6 N Connorton 2
8 4456 MRS JOGGLEBURY 25 C Smith 8-6 K Rutter (5) 1
9 POETIC FANCY N Twiston-Davies 8-6 J Lowe 4
10 4660 SISTER SUSAN 18 R Hannon 8-6 W Ryan 6

3-1 Sister Susan, 5-1 Cheerful Groom, Pacioli, 6-1 Mrs Jogglebury, 7-1 Poetic Fancy, 8-1 Paris Symphony, Warwick Warrior, 10-1 Waddle, Minibar, 14-1 others.

6.45 RAINWORTH MINERS WELFARE HANDICAP (£2,238: 5f 13yd) (9) SKY

1 0005 FOOD OF LOVE 11 (D,F,G) J Wharton 5-10-0 J Williams 6
2 0602 SINGING STAR 11 (D,F) J Balding 7-9-12 Claire Balding (7) 8
3 0251 PAGEBOY 6 (D,F) P Haslam 4-8-4 L Piggott 3
4 0363 ARC LAMP 7 (D,F,G) J Glover 7-9-0 J Fortune 2
5 5235 SIR TASKER 11 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-9-0 P Robinson 5
6 0-26 JESS REBEC 19 (D,F) J Banks 5-8-12 W Ryan 7
7 0045 NILU 8 (G) B McMahon 5-8-6 A Mackay 1
8 2332 CASTLE MAID 4 R Hodges 6-7-7 J Lowe 9
9 0000 DAL MISS 43 (B) R Peacock 6-7-7 N Adams 4

3-1 Pageboy, 4-1 Arc Lamp, 11-2 Sir Tasker, 6-1 Castle Maid, 7-1 Singing Star, 8-1 Food Of Love, Nilu, 12-1 Jess Rebec, 33-1 Dal Miss.

7.15 WELBECK COLLIERY WELFARE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,219: 5f 13yd) (9) SKY

1 51 OLD HOOK 36 (D,F) A Smith 9-0 K Rutter (5) 7
2 5634 HELLABY 11 S Norton 8-10 W Carson 6
3 LUKES BROTHER A Hide 8-10 K Fallon 9
4 NAPOLEON STAR M Saunders 8-10 J Williams 2
5 4020 ROCKY TWO 22 B McMahon 8-6 A Mackay 1
6 4203 SWEET WHISPER 9 (D,G) R Hannon 8-5 K Darley 4
7 4036 GAELIC STAR 22 R Hollinshead 8-4 W Ryan 8
8 00 IVA'S FLYER 93 J Berry 8-1 L Charnock 5
9 DEAR SILVERS A Forbes 7-13 A Garth (5) 3

5-2 Sweet Whisper, 3-1 Gaelic Star, 5-1 Old Hook, Rocky Two, 6-1 others.

7.45 BRITISH COAL HANDICAP (£2,959: 2m 9yd) (14) SKY

1 0124 MOIDART 23 (S) J Fanshawe 3-8-10 P Robinson 6
2 5543 GUESTWICK 27 J Dunlop 3-9-9 B Raymond 14
3 4015 BALZINO 28 (BF,C,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-7 K Fallon 13
4 0511 HUNTING GROUND 5 (B,F,G) A Bailey 5-9-7 (6ex) A Mackay 9
5 622- SPORTS VIEW 228J R Hodges 4-9-3 S Drowne (7) 4
6 0032 KEDGE 42 R Johnson Houghton 3-9-0 L Piggott 5
7 0404 PEACH BRANDY 13 R Voorspuy 4-8-10 N Adams 2
8 6223 WAKT 18 D Morley 3-8-7 W Carson 1
9 5312 SINGING REPLY 16 (BF,G) R Price 5-8-6 T Sprake 12
10 006- HIRAM B BIRDBATH 159J J Glover 7-8-5 Dale Gibson 11
11 /545 PINISI 13 J Wharton 8-8-4 J Williams 8
12 6056 BOOTIKIN 34 (B) W Elsey 5-8-3 L Charnock 10
13 0655 SELDOM IN 26 (F,G) J Wharton 7-7-9 J Fanning 7
14 6532 MUST BE MAGICAL 19 (B,G) J Mackie 5-7-7 J Lowe 3

7-2 Hunting Ground, 5-1 Guestwick, 11-2 Singing Reply, 7-1 Moidart, Balzino, 8-1 Kedge, 10-1 Wakt, Pinisi, Must Be Magical, 16-1 Peach Brandy, 20-1 others.

8.15 EAST KIRKBY MINERS WELFARE FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,892: 1m 54yd) (12) SKY

1 044 DASHING MARCH 19 M Saunders 4-10-0 J Williams 7
2 1433 PARFAIT AMOUR 7 (F) R Whitaker 4-9-11 A Culhane 3
3 1040 JADIRAH 11 (B, BF,D,F) J Dunlop 3-9-6 W Carson 5
4 3030 TIFFANY'S CASE 8 (D,G) C Horgan 4-9-5 E Johnson 11
5 1042 MISTY SILKS 8 (D,G) M Ryan 3-9-3 D Biggs 12
6 5262 MISS FASCINATION 14 (F) M Jarvis 3-9-1 K Rutter (5) 2
7 0810 FRANCIA 34 (G) A Hide 3-8-12 J Tate (5) 1
8 6461 BOLD MELODY 6 (D,F,G) P Haslam 4-8-8 (5ex) L Piggott 10
9 -800 RIVER FIRE 9 (G) J Wharton 3-8-0 N Adams 6
10 508 DANSEUSE FRANCAISE 61 M Bell 3-7-13 K Darley 8
11 4451 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 9 (V,F) C Smith 3-7-12 (5ex) J Lowe 9
12 0646 DONTBETALKING 26 J Wharton 3-7-9 J Fanning 4

3-1 Bold Melody, 4-1 Workingforpeanuts, 11-2 Dashing March, 6-1 Misty Silks, 7-1 Tiffany's Case, Miss Fascination, 10-1 Parfait Amour, 14-1 others.

8.45 CLIPSTONE MINERS WELFARE HANDICAP (£2,847: 1m 1f 213yd) (9)

1 3061 TALENTED TING 6 (V,D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-13 (5ex) K Darley 9
2 0615 MARCHMAN 21 (BF,D,F) J King 8-9-10 B Raymond 3
3 480 ZAAHEYAH 79 J Fanshawe 3-9-6 P Robinson 8
4 00-0 TOMASHENKO 44 T Donnelly 4-8-12 S D Williams (3) 5
5 0-12 CASE FOR THE CROWN 5 (BF,F) B Curley 6-8-12 L Piggott 7
6 04-0 MAJOR RISK 43 P Bevan 4-8-11 C Hawksley (7) 4
7 -460 VICTOR ROMEO 18 (V,C,F) R Spicer 4-7-9 A Mackay 2
8 0000- ENCHANTED FLYER 77J T Donnelly 6-7-8 N Adams 6
9 0-00 BLAKE'S TREASURE 30 (B,C,F,G) T Thomson Jones 6-7-7 J Lowe 1

13-8 Case For The Crown, 3-1 Talented Ting, 9-2 Zaaheyah, 5-1 Marchman, 12-1 Major Risk, 16-1 Victor Romeo, 20-1 Tomashenko, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Hide, 5 winners from 23 runners, 21.7%; J Dunlop, 22 from 114, 19.3%; D Morley, 15 from 82, 18.3%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 30, 16.7%; R Whitaker, 8 from 55, 14.5%; J Berry, 12 from 90, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; P Robinson, 6 from 28, 21.4%; W Carson, 35 from 188, 18.6%; T Sprake, 5 from 31, 16.1%; W Ryan, 16 from 132, 12.1%; A Garth, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 3.30 Pair Of Jacks, Danny Blue. 4.30 Coalisland. KEMPTON: 8.00 Shfnak, Mockingbird. NOTTINGHAM: 8.15 Jadirah. PONTEFRACT: 4.20 Hamadryad.

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.10 Misty View. 2.40 Celcius. 3.10 Norstock. 3.40 Millrous. 4.10 Royal Craftsman. 4.40 Athar.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.10 BONUSPRINT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,875: 2m 3f) (6 runners)

1 332- IL BAMBINO 63 H Manners 5-11-0 Mr Richard White (7)
2 5F-P MANULIFE 5 R Brotherton 4-10-11 D Bridgwater
3 P6- PERFORATE 26F (B) R Baker 4-10-11 L Harvey
4 024- TRUMPET 114 J O'Shea 4-10-11 M A Fitzgerald
5 003- MISTY VIEW 30F J White 4-10-6 A Maguire
6 03-3 STAR MOVER 4 W G M Turner 4-10-6 G Upton

1-2 Misty View, 5-1 Il Bambino, 13-2 Star Mover, 10-1 Trumpet, 14-1 Perforate, 16-1 Manulife.

2.40 TRIPLEPRINT CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,908: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 062- CELCIUS 65 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-11-8 R Dunwoody
2 PP- SPAMBRUCO 301 H Manners 9-11-2 M Bosley
3 45P- EMMA VICTORIA 84 R Brotherton 5-10-13 D Bridgwater
4 0P- MEADOW GAME 343 W Turner 4-10-12 B Upton

1-8 Celcius, 10-1 Emma Victoria, 16-1 Meadow Game, 25-1 Spambruco

3.10 BONUSPRINT NOVICES CHASE (£2,736: 2m 3f) (7)

1 P/F- COMIC LINE 89 M Churches 8-11-2 Mr A Farrant (5)
2 NEEDS MUST 1203F R Frost 6-11-2 J Frost
3 22-1 NORSTOCK 4 (F,G,S) J White 6-11-2 A Maguire
4 FP5- THE BARREN ARCTIC 133 R Buckler 7-11-2 B Powell
5 4/ VICTORIOUS KING 1449 M Pipe 7-11-2 R Dunwoody
6 /43- WEST LODGE LADY 60 N Thomson 8-10-11 J Neaves (7)
7 WOODLAND FIREFLY W G Turner 12-10-11 Miss A Turner

2-7 Norstock, 9-2 Victorious King, 12-1 The Barren Arctic, 25-1 Comic Line, Needs Must, 33-1 Woodland Firefly, 40-1 West Lodge Lady

3.40 TRIPLEPRINT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,610: 2m 3f) (4)

1 211- WELL DONE RORY 80 (F,S) J White 4-12-0 P McLoughlin (7)
2 503- MILLROUS 60 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-4 R Dunwoody
3 35-3 TRUST DEED 2 (B,G) Mrs A Knight 5-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
4 F5P- PEARLY WHITE 116 H Manners 4-10-2 Mr Richard White (7)

5-4 Well Done Rory, 11-8 Millrous, 4-1 Trust Deed, 20-1 Pearly White

4.10 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,723: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 UP0- MY CUP OF TEA 61 (F,G) M Pipe 10-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 UF4/ SAMSUN 812 (F,G) C Popham 11-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
3 /43P- ROYAL CRAFTSMAN 265 (D,F,G) A Dunn 12-10-8 Peter Hobbs
4 524- MISTER FEATHERS 85 (F,G) J King 12-10-8 D Leahy (5)
5 203- THEY ALL FORGOT ME 68 (F,G) T Casey 6-10-6 D Bridgwater
6 F00- CLEANING UP 60 (F) A Chamberlain 11-10-3 B Powell
7 30P- VALASSY 68 (G,S) J White 10-10-3 A Maguire

3-1 Mr Feathers, 7-2 They All Forgot Me, 4-1 Valassy, 9-2 Royal Craftsman, 8-1 Samsun, 8-1 My Cup Of Tea, 16-1 Cleaning Up.

4.40 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,520: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 122- KILLULA CHIEF 65 (B,D,G) J O'Shea 6-12-0 M A Fitzgerald
2 /014- IMPERIAL FLIGHT 146 (F,G) J King 8-11-11 M Hourigan (3)
3 4-54 WINDSOR PARK 2 (F) K Bridgwater 7-11-10 V Slattery (3)
4 425- ATHAR 16F R Baker 4-10-11 L Harvey
5 P33- SNOOKER TABLE 142 (F,G) A Forte 10-10-7 D Gallagher
6 /3P- FASHION PRINCESS 356 (CD,F) Mrs A Knight 7-10-1 D Matthews (7)

2-1 Imperial Flight, 5-2 Athar, 3-1 Killula Chief, 6-1 Windsor Park, 8-1 Snooker Table, 20-1 Fashion Princess

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 92 winners from 230 runners, 40.0%; A Dunn, 4 from 10, 40.0%; J White, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Baker, 3 from 20, 15.0%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 12 from 51, 23.5%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 70, 22.9%; D Matthews, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M A Fitzgerald, 9 from 57, 15.8%; L Harvey, 3 from 29, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, LAUNE (Paul Eddery, 10-1); 2, Bird Of Time (T Quinn, 12-1); 3, Northern Celadon (P Robinson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 8-13 fav Iradah, 12 Marjorie's Orchid (6th), 20 Lady Vendetta (5th), 25 Hello Mister (4th). 7 ran. 3l, ½l, nk, 3l, ¾l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £6.30; £3.00, £3.50. DF: £14.00. CSF: £95.59. After a stewards' enquiry the result stands.

2.30 (7f 214yd) 1, WAHEM (B Marcus, 15-2); 2, Kingchip Boy (D Biggs, 5-2 fav); 3, Disco (P Robinson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Precious Air (4th), 8 Old Comrades (4th), 9 Pipers Reel (6th), 12 Ain'tlifelikethat, 14 Rostetoes, Navaresque, 66 Gemini Bay. 10 ran. 2l, ¾l, 1½l, dh, 3l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £10.20; £3.60, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £17.50. CSF: £24.10. Tricast: £153.73.

3.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, OVERPOWER (P Robinson, 13-8); 2, Barahin (A Clark, 11-10 fav); 3, Taunting (R Cochrane, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 25 Eiras Mood (4th), 66 Sailor's Spirit (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 3½l, 3½l, 3l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.60.

3.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, RUNAWAY PETE (T Quinn, 11-2); 2, Cast The Line (A McGlone, 7-2); 3, Mr Copyforce (W Newnes, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Euphonic (4th), 9 Ericolin (6th), 12 Bransby Road (5th) 6 ran. 2l, ¾l, hd, ¾l, 12l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.60; £2.80, £1.70. DF: £10.60. CSF: £22.47.

4.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, DRAGON'S TEETH (R Cochrane, Evens fav); 2, Princess Tateum (P Robinson, 7-2); 3, Jullasdarkinvader (Kim McDonnell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Nahlati (4th). 4 ran. NR: Diplomatist. 5l, 1l, 2l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.24.

4.30 (6f 209yd) 1, SHARP GAZELLE (Stephen Davies, 33-1); 2, Halbert (D O'Neill, 10-1); 3, Cape Pigeon (J Reid, 1-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Five Islands (4th). 4 ran. ½l, 1l, ¾l. B Smart at Lambourn. Tote: £21.30. DF: £25.20. CSF: £175.42.

5.00 (6f 209yd) 1, MEDLAND (D Harrison, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Hazy Kay (Gay Kelleway, 11-1); 3, Almonty (N Gwilliams, 12-1); 4, Lady Of Shadows (F Norton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Clear Look, 6 Festin (5th), 9 Countercheck (6th), 10 Double Shift, 11 Peggotty, Supersonss, 14 Unification, 16 Vis-A-Vis, 33 Hard Rock Miner, Delay No More, 66 Woodlands Electric. 15 ran. NR: Grey Watch. Nk, nk, hd, ¾l, hd. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £5.80; £2.70, £2.00, £6.60. DF: £62.20. CSF: £58.87. Tricast: £639.45.

Placepot: £2,613.70.

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Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 1f) 1, Le Temeraire (Kim Tinkler, 9-2); 2, Amerigue (5-1); 3, Young Jason (4-1). Barley Cake 3-1 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 2l. N Tinkler. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £12.60. CSF: £25.98. No bid for the winner.

2.45 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, Eightandahalf (J Fortune, 12-1); 2, Mondragon (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Luks Akura (5-1 jt-fav). 11 ran. 3½l, 1¾l. B Beasley. Tote: £31.60; £9.70, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £142.50. CSF: £64.60. Tricast: £306.56.

3.15 (7f) 1, Pusey Street Boy (Mrs S Bosley, 10-1); 2, Mu-Arrik (15-2); 3, Princess Maxine (100-30 fav). 14 ran. 1l, ¾l. J Bosley. Tote: £11.90; £3.30, £3.90, £1.60. DF: £47.60. CSF: £79.34. Tricast: £282.21.

3.45 (1m) 1, Self Expression (D Thomas, 7-1); 2, Spanish Verdict (15-2); 3, Majal (10-1). Avishayes 6-5 fav. 9 ran. Nk, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £8.70; £2.40, £1.90, £2.70. DF: £15.00. CSF: £54.93. Tricast: £475.75.

4.15 (5f) 1, Trevorsninepoints (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Lida's Delight (14-1); 3, Sober Lad (15-8 fav). 6 ran. 2½l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £3.00. DF: £15.60. CSF: £32.58.

4.45 (6f) 1, Quinsigimond (M Birch, 5-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Sense Of Priority (16-1); 3, Peaceful Reply (7-1). Hello Hobson's 11-4 fav. 11 ran. 1½l, ½l. M Prescott. Tote: £5.40; £1.60, £3.70, £3.10. DF: £16.50. CSF: £72.84.

Placepot: £340.40.

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Gillingham edged out of gold glory by Guttler

BY CRAIG LORD

KAROLY Guttler's revenge took five years on the one score and a month on the other. But how sweet it was: a world record of 1min 00.95sec for 100 metres breaststroke in the morning and his first big title in the afternoon at the European championships in Sheffield yesterday.

Victory for the man who was defeated by 0.01sec at the Seoul Olympic Games by Adrian Moorhouse came at the expense of another Briton. But Nick Gillingham, 26, took heart at his silver medal and best result at 100 metres, pointing out that had he swum 1min 01.33sec instead of 1min 02.02sec, the result would have been the same.

Gillingham's was the first in a line of British successes, including a British record for Paul Palmer and a bronze medal and British record for the women's 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay, on the first day of action in the lanes of Ponds Forge.

Despite that prompting some of the largest cheers from a partisan crowd, it was Hungary's day. Not even a 54.57sec effort, a European record and just 0.09sec short of the world record, for Franziska van Almsick, the 15-year-old from Berlin and last product of East Germany, who was collecting her first senior title and first of a possible seven gold medals here, could detract from the efforts of the pupils of the Hungarian, Lazlo Kiss.

Guttler, 25, from Budapest, has spent his time since Seoul wallowing among the top ten in the world but never fulfilling his potential and failing to make the final at Barcelona. Yesterday changed all that as, at 9.30am, he cannoned off the blocks and hit the 50-metre mark at 28.52sec, just inside world record pace.

He would surely fade? Not a chance. Throwing himself forward in an ugly bobbing and diving style, he ploughed on to shave 0.34sec, the greatest improvement in the event in a decade, off the record of Norbert Rozsa — for now, his fellow Hungarian.

Therein lies the second revenge. Rozsa, who defeated Moorhouse for the world title in 1991, turned his back on Hungary in search of Australian citizenship. It proved the spur for Guttler.

This was not the man we knew. He appeared noticeably more muscular, and even heavier, than the 14st he had been in Barcelona and he was also more angular in face. While similar in height to Gillingham, he is about three stone heavier. But he said his dimensions were the same and he had not changed his training programme at all.

After winning the afternoon final in 1min 01.04sec, despite a faster first 50 metres of 28.43sec, Guttler said of his amazing progress: "It's just luck."

If not luck, then, reading between the lines of his broken English, the cause of his new lease of life would seem to rest in his being freed from the nightmare of Moorhouse and the tensions associated with Rozsa.

While Gillingham looked forward to the 200 metres on Friday, when success would make him the first to retain the European title for a record second time, Moorhouse, a former three-time winner of the 100 metres title, said of Guttler: "I think its wonderful but it makes you wonder what he's been up to these last five years."

Krisztina Egerszegi, Guttler's team-mate and also a pupil of Kiss's, won the first of a possible four titles in the 400 metres medley. The Olympic champion was not pressed for her victory in 4min 39.55sec.

It was a different story for another Olympic champion, Evgeni Sadovyi, from Russia, lost the 200 metres freestyle by 0.14sec to Antti Kasvio, of Finland, who had finished third in Barcelona and was only 0.42sec slower than the world record of Giorgio Lamberti yesterday.

Sarah Hardcastle, Debbie Armitage, Claire Huddart and Karen Pickering, who also finished a credible sixth behind van Almsick, set a British record of 8min 11.11sec for their medal.

Pickering said it had set the team on the road to recovery from Barcelona. "People only remember your last swim so perhaps they'll talk about Sheffield not Barcelona from now on," she said.

THE RECORD

100 metres breaststroke

Time	Swimmer	Year
1:02.13	J Moffet (US)	1984
1:01.65	S Lundquist (US)	1984
1:01.49	A Moorhouse (GB)	1989
1:01.49	A Moorhouse (GB)	1990
1:01.49	A Moorhouse (GB)	1990
1:01.49	N Rozsa (Hun)	1991
1:01.45	N Rozsa (Hun)	1991
1:01.45	V Ivanov (Rus)	1991
1:01.29	N Rozsa (Hun)	1991
1:00.95	K Guttler (Hun)	1993

Records tumble with speed of lightness

Craig Lord discovers that technology in and out of the pool is helping swimmers go faster by the second

When Karoly Guttler became the first man to swim 100 metres breaststroke faster than 61 seconds at Sheffield yesterday, he did so between jumbo lane ropes that produced some of the calmest water to be found in competitive swimming.

As the first long-course world record at Ponds Forge, the Hungarian's 1min 00.95sec in the heats, 0.34sec faster than the previous best, confirmed the reputation of Britain's only state-of-the-art modern championship facility as a "fast pool".

Guttler's was the latest in a long list of national, European, Commonwealth and world records, many of them short-course (25 metres) to be broken at the Sheffield pool since it opened for the World Student Games in 1991.

Records invariably tumble at major championships, not only because of gains made through training. Swimmers and pool builders now employ a portfolio of tricks beyond the established traditions of shaving body hair to reduce water resistance.

After the Speedo S2000 suit of last year has come the rival, Arena's Swim Tech '96 suit, weighing only 49 grammes, half the weight of its Olympic suit of last year. The suits are described as being like a second skin, the materials developed being less resistant in water than human skin.

Franziska van Almsick, the 15-year-old German, opted not to try out the Arena suit in competition last night because, she said, "the championship is not a place to experiment". Had she done so, she might have broken the world 100m freestyle record, which she missed by .09sec. The new suit, which has a high, almost polo-neck and is put on over the head, fastening at the gusset, prevents bubbles getting between suit and body, reducing friction. Van Almsick describes it as being like "wearing nylons". Extremely elastic, it is made of polyamid and Lycra. Its lightness, however, requires it to be black: other colours would be see-through, against Fina rules.

While the S2000 is common among women, men have shied away from using the full body suit, which they find cumbersome.

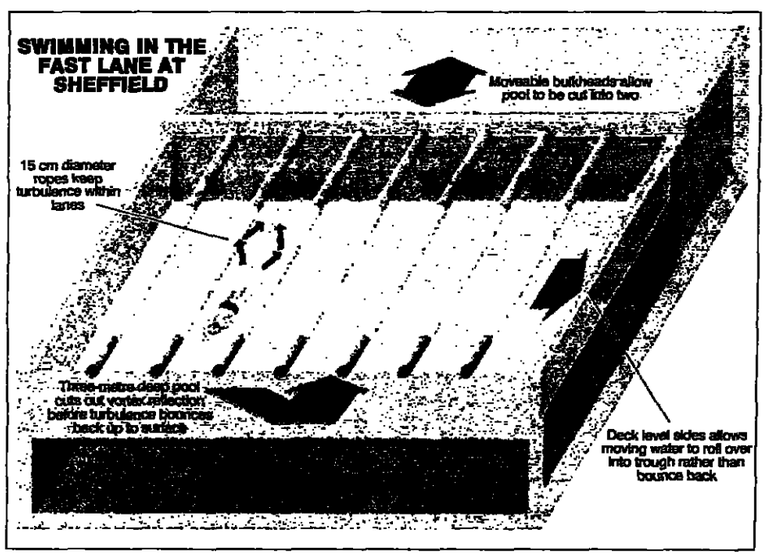
Among the conditions at Ponds Forge conducive to good performance are an indoor facility that cuts out the role of weather, wave-breaker lane ropes and deck-level sides that allow moving water to roll over into a trough rather than bounce back into the pool.

Perhaps more important is the depth of the pool, three metres for much of its 50 metres length. The effect is to cut out vortex reflection: the turbulence created by swimmers that bounces back from the floor of the pool, creating a swirl of water. In three metres of water, the turbulence dissipates before it reaches the swimmer.

The jumbo lane ropes used yesterday were transported from Stockport to Sheffield overnight to help improve conditions further. The normal width of wave-breakers is 11cm, the jumbo size is 15cms. Their use means that swimmers are racing in "clean" (calm) water for much of the time, only out of turns is turbulence somewhat heavier.

For the European championships, the movable bulkheads at either end of Ponds Forge will remain static for the swimming events, but will be moved towards each other to create a 30-metre water-polo tank for the final.

Breaststroke best: Guttler comes up for air during his world record-breaking swim at Ponds Forge yesterday. Photograph: Paul Hanna



Fashion show: Van Almsick has a final fitting

Ardiles moves quickly for Dozzell

BY PETER BALL

OSVALDO Ardiles, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, is nothing if not decisive. Having identified a weakness in the club's midfield during a 4-0 defeat by Chelsea on Sunday, he moved to rectify it yesterday, signing Jason Dozzell, the former England Under-21 international, from Ipswich Town.

Dozzell, who was out of contract, is a significant signing for Ardiles. The speed of the deal left the player surprised yesterday. "The move came out of the blue," he said. "I feel like a country boy coming to the big city. It took me only a minute to decide. I have a fabulous deal. I am the happiest footballer in the world right now, and I have the perfect platform to push my international claims."

Dozzell, 25, said he hoped to emulate Glenn Hoddle, who had been his boyhood idol — ironic because it was Hoddle's team that persuaded Ardiles to strengthen his inexperienced midfield as a priority.

Matching Hoddle is perhaps overambitious, but the player's ability has never been doubted. With a good touch in the best Spurs tradition, Dozzell has also scored some important goals breaking forward from midfield during more than 400 appearances for Ipswich, and he should thrive in a side playing in the Ardiles style as John Lyall, the didsappointed Ipswich manager, said.

"Tottenham are highly skilled, technical players," Lyall said. "And it is the sort of club where a player like Jason can really blossom."

He will be a considerable loss for Ipswich, who found life in the premier league difficult after a good start last season but Lyall was determined to look on the bright side. "Jason has been a terrific servant to Ipswich, but we have done the deal and it will give us a chance to look at a higher level in the transfer market," he said.

No fee has been agreed. Ipswich were asking in the region of £2 million, a figure in excess of Tottenham's valuation, but Lyall was hopeful that agreement could be reached without recourse to the independent tribunal. "Ossie and I have known one another a long time, and I hope we can agree on the fee," he said. Tottenham were also reported to be looking at John Collins, the Celtic midfield player, during Celtic's match against Manchester United at Old Trafford last night.

Aston Villa are expected to complete the signing of Guy Whittingham from Portsmouth today. Whittingham, who scored 47 goals last season, has finalised personal terms and a fee of £1.25 million has been agreed, with Mark Blake, Villa's under-21 midfield player, moving to Portsmouth in part exchange.

Everton's search for a goal-scoring forward is stil proving unsuccessful. They hope to include Alan McInally, the Scottish international, in their exhibition with Port Vale on Friday but are still awaiting clearance from Bayern Munich, McInally's last club.

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Brighton players kept waiting for their wages

BRIGHTON has failed to pay its players' wages for six weeks. Barry Lloyd, the managing director, and Greg Stanley, the chairman, have met the players and Lloyd said he is hopeful they will be paid soon.

Brighton, around £3 million in debt, still owes signing-on fees to past and present players and its financial problems are delaying Lloyd's hopes of signing the defenders, Steve Foster and Colin Pates, on contract.

Lloyd said: "There is no transfer embargo on us but I don't think its right we should add to the squad until we can stand on our own two feet."

Mark Aizlewood, 33, the Wales defender, has joined Cardiff City on a month's loan and wants to make the move permanent. He made only 19 full appearances for Bristol City last season because of injury.

Eddie May, the Cardiff manager, hopes to sign Aizlewood before August 14 so he is eligible to play for Cardiff against Standard Liège in the first round of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Nigel Jemson, the Sheffield Wednesday forward, has been transfer-listed at his own request. Jemson, 23, has failed to earn a regular place since his £800,000 move from Nottingham Forest two years ago.

Terry Connor, the former Leeds United and England Under-21 forward, has signed for the GM Vauxhall Conference side, Yeovil Town.

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World champion tests positive for drug

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ZURICH

THE world's leading woman middle-distance runner of recent years, Tatyana Dorovskikh, is facing a drugs-related ban that would rule her out of the world championships. Dorovskikh looks certain to be denied the chance of a third successive world title at 3,000 metres after returning a positive urine sample at a meeting in Budapest in June.

If a failed drugs test is confirmed, Dorovskikh, 31, from Ukraine, will join Ben Johnson, Katrin Krabbe and Butch Reynolds on the list of world-beaters to be snared by the fight against drug abuse.

Dorovskikh has an outstanding competitive record over 1,500 and 3,000 metres, more successful in championships than Johnson. Krabbe and Reynolds.At 3,000 metres she has won Olympic gold and silver medals, two world outdoor titles and an indoor title; at 1,500 metres she possesses world gold and silver medals, an Olympic bronze and a world indoor silver. In the 1987 world championships she succeeded Mary Decker as double winner of the 1,500 and 3,000 metres.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) would not confirm yesterday that Dorovskikh had returned a positive A sample, but Attila Spiriev, her manager, said: "I can confirm that she was informed that the A test in Budapest was positive, but that is all I will say for now."

If the suspected substance is confirmed as a steroid, it carries a four-year ban, if a stimulant, a suspension of three months. There is no known case of an athlete's B sample failing to confirm the A.

If Dorovskikh misses the world championships in Stuttgart, beginning next week, it would raise the hopes of Yvonne Murray, of Britain, and strengthen the position of Sonia O'Sullivan, of Ireland, as the favourite.

Dorovskikh: top runner

Under new IAAF regulations, an athlete remains eligible for competition until the B sample has been analysed, but Dorovskikh is not competing at the Weltklasse meeting this evening, contrary to her race schedule.

Jayne Pearce, the IAAF spokeswoman, said: "We are not in a position to confirm any adverse finding until the B test has been conducted and the result communicated to the federation and the athlete concerned."

☐ Mark McKoy, the Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion, has not been named in Canada's world championship team after refusing to travel from his base in Austria to the national trials.

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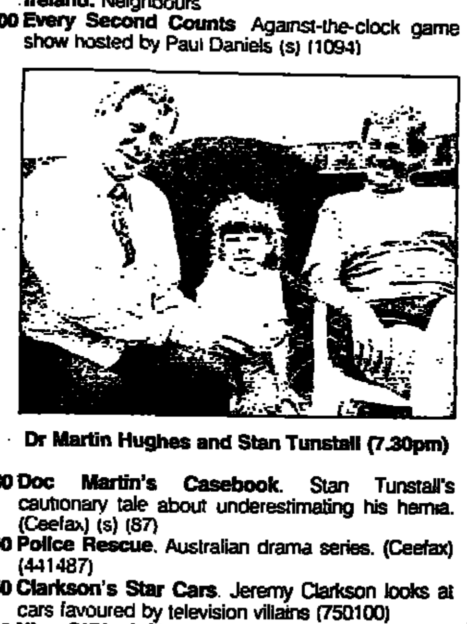
6.00 Business Breakfast (48907)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (44776384)
9.05 Hangar 17. Young people's entertainment (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9319365) **9.25 Ipso Facto.** Sixteen-year-old Sarah Bates investigates why death is such a taboo subject (r) (s) (6133948)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1222346) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3147013) **10.25 Get Your Own Back** Children's game show (r) (s) (3123433) **10.50 T 'n' T Japan** Andi Peters lives the life of a Japanese schoolboy (s) (5629810)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8609433) **11.05 Knots Landing.** Drama spin-off from the *Dallas* series (9457029) **11.50 Animal Heroes.** Animated reconstructions of real-life animal bravery (7450100)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5925988) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World.** Captain Cousteau explores Australia's Great Barrier Reef (3432146) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (71657094)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (91926) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (80394520)
1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is the cerebral Henry Kelly (s) (80305636) **2.15 Hawaii Five-O.** A wealthy visitor to the island seems unconcerned about death threats (r) (s) (4680742)
3.05 Bazaar. Domestic ideas, introduced by Nerys Hughes (5635758) **3.35 A Big Country** A new five-part series on people who have chosen unusual Australian lifestyles (5340075)
4.00 Cartoon (5604033) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (s) (2316181) **4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3231655)
5.00 Newsround (2420471) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode 11 (r). (Ceefax) (3173704)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (803079). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. (Ceefax) Weather (723)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (425). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts Against-the-clock game show hosted by Paul Daniels (s) (1094)


Dr Martin Hughes and Stan Tunstall (7.30pm)

7.30 Doc Martin's Casebook. Stan Tunstall's cautionary tale about underestimating his hernia. (Ceefax) (s) (87)
8.00 Police Rescue. Australian drama series. (Ceefax) (441487)
8.50 Clarkson's Star Cars. Jeremy Clarkson looks at cars favoured by television villains (750100)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (7013)
9.30 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott with more wry musings on everyday life (r). (Ceefax) (s) (90623). **Wales:** The Slate
10.00 Echoes in the Darkness. The second and concluding part of the true-life murder case starring Peter Coyote, Robert Loggia and Stockard Channing (r). (Ceefax) (44665365). **Wales:** Canned Carrott 10.30-12.50am Echoes in the Darkness
12.20am Weather (5569766). Ends at **12.25**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (102312) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (24563)

BBC2

7.10 Open University Poetry and Landscape (7545384) **7.35** Arts: Melodrama (3653617)
8.00 Breakfast News (4229549) **8.15 Ghostwriter.** Episode three of the five-part children's adventure (r) (s) (1876365) **8.40 Collecting Now.** The use of watercolour through the ages (r) (4593013)
9.00 Film: Bewitched (1945, b/w) starring Edward Gwenn and Phyllis Thaxter. Eerie B-movie thriller about a woman with a split personality who murders her boyfriend. Directed by Arch Oboler (7360568)
10.05 Film: Topper (1937, b/w). See Choice (48918015)
11.40 Film: Me and My Pal (1933) starring Laurel and Hardy. Ollie prepares for the happiest day of his life with Stan as his best man. Directed by Lloyd French and Charles Rogers (6467365)
12.00 Steam into Summer. A typical working summer for Devon's Dart Valley steam railway (r) (77297)
12.30 The Great Palace – The Story of Parliament. A look at the role of the Speaker (r) (8744029) **1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm** (r) (84099278) **1.35 Wildlife Safari to the Argentine.** The expedition reaches Tierra del Fuego (r) (19544891)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (94894810) **2.05 Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves** Details of a Black Country scheme to encourage women to tackle local issues (65024075) **2.35 CountryFile** with John Craven (r) (s) (3705297)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1363278) **3.05 James Cameron: Once Upon A Time.** The distinguished journalist recalls his career (r) (6429162) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1307278)
4.00 European Swimming Championships (1471)
6.00 Star Trek. Science fiction adventures starring William Shatner (r) (Ceefax) (422926)
6.50 Gunsmoke. Classic western series starring James Arness as Marshal Matt Dillon (286346)
7.40 Golf and All Its Glory. Bruce Critchley continues his history of golf. (Ceefax) (s) (561075)
8.30 On the Line: The Journey Back (s). See Choice (7891)

Anglers: Glover, Mort and Livingstone (9.00pm)

9.00 The Wednesday Play: The Fishing Party (r). See Choice (3549)
10.00 Pro-Celebrity University Challenge. A special edition of *University Challenge*, first shown as part of the tribute to Granada TV (78926)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (754365)
11.15 Nation. Topical discussion series hosted by Trevor Phillips (s) (807181) **11.55 Weather** (539568)
12.00 Born Into Two Cultures. Chinua Achebe and R.K. Naryan talk about what it means to be born into two cultures — an indigenous one and an English-speaking one (6455785)
12.25am The Art of Commerce. Colin Cunningham explores Greek temple sites to find out what religion really meant to the ancient Greeks (6458872). Ends at **12.55**

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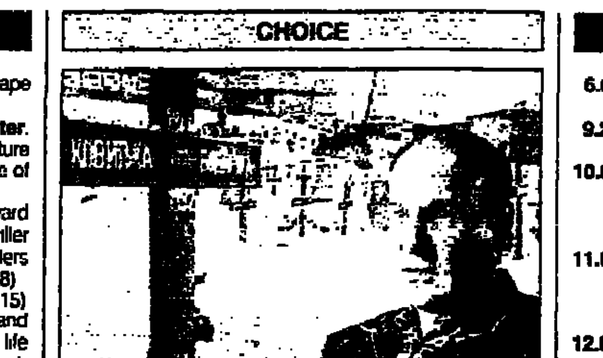

Emotional return to Bosnia: Bill Tribe (C4, 9.00pm)

Sarajevo Diary
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A personal perspective on the Bosnian tragedy is offered by Bill Tribe, an Englishman who lived in Sarajevo for 26 years. The war sent him into exile in Oxfordshire but he returned at the end of last year. His diary is an attempt to bypass the politicians and evoke the feelings of ordinary people. These include his Bosnian wife and son-in-law, both of whom he is trying to get to England. The theme of an often emotional report is that Serbs, Muslims and Croats would be happy to live together if only the warlords would let them. Tribe reveals that he was once a psychiatric patient of the Bosnian Serb leader Dr Radovan Karadzic. Should he meet Karadzic again, Tribe vows, he will kill him with his bare hands.

On the Line: The Journey Back
BBC2, 8.30pm

In April the plane carrying Zambia's football squad to a game in Senegal crashed into the sea. Eighteen players died in the worst sporting air disaster. Zambia is still hoping to qualify for the World Cup finals but must find an entirely new team. The film follows the attempt to rebuild, through three friendly internationals and a month's coaching in Europe. Zambia is a football-mad nation where youngsters play barefoot because they cannot afford boots. The talent is there but not the money or the organisation. The decline of the copper mining industry has hit the game by removing sponsorship. The strength of this often moving report is that it goes beyond the field of play and places football in its wider context.

The Wednesday Play: The Fishing Party
BBC2, 9.00pm

The 1972 comedy by Peter Terson follows three Leeds miners (Brian Glover, Ray Mort and Douglas Livingstone) on a fishing weekend to the Yorkshire coast. Such trips are usually an occasion for letting the hair down but this time they are determined to behave. The trio vows that there will be "no brown ale, no spewing over the wall". The purity of their intentions is ironically misunderstood by their unobliging landlady (the splendid Jane Freeman from *Last of the Summer Wine*) who is convinced they are a bunch of drunken louts. *The Fishing Party* is a slight, easy-going and unpretentious piece which does not try to say anything profound. The pleasure comes from sharpness of observation and impeccable playing.

Topper
BBC2, 10.05am

Cary Grant and Constance Bennett play the Kerbys, a couple who are killed in a car crash after a riotous night on the town. But this is screwball comedy and the Kerbys reappear as their ghosts, determined to do a good deed so that their souls can rest in peace. They decide to bestow their favours on Cosmo Topper (Roland Young), a timid banker in need of fun. The device of raising the dead for comic purposes was criticised for being in dubious taste but the formula worked so well that there were two Topper sequels, showing on BBC2 tomorrow and Friday. The first and third films were directed by Norman Z. McLeod, a comedy specialist who also worked fruitfully with the Marx Brothers and Bob Hope.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

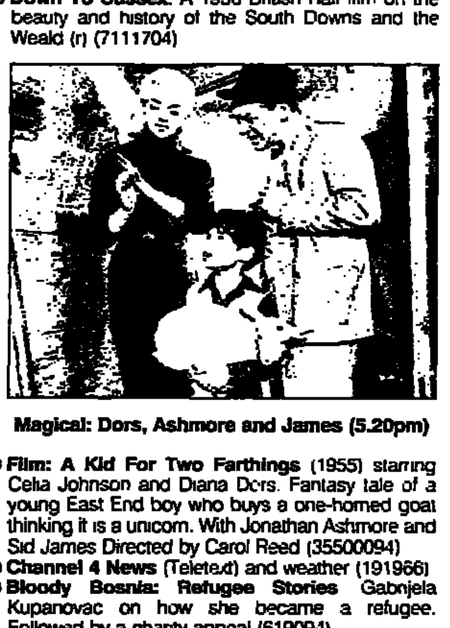
6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (4266926)
9.25 The Edge. Teenage magazine (s) (5756181) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2571162)
10.00 Swamp Fox. Disney adventure serial set South Carolina during the War of Independence, starring Leslie Nielsen (4599487) **10.55 ITN News** headlines (6997452)
11.00 James Bond Jr Cartoon adventures (6087029) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Game show hosted by Danny Baker (6984986) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9522639)
12.00 Cartoon starring Donald Duck (7983346) **12.10 Allsorts** (r) (s) (2741029)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8225655) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (84187487)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (433384) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (432655)
2.15 The Queen Mother's Gate A documentary about the new gate in Hyde Park. Includes an interview with the Queen Mother (r) (s) (424636) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands drama (3798907)
3.10 ITN News headlines (1374384) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1373655) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (1806758)
3.55 Scooby Doo (r) (6242520) **4.20 How 2.** Fun and facts magazine (r) (2236723) **4.40 Spatz.** Children's drama serial (r) (8385100)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2410384)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (655075)
6.00 London Tonight (90636)
7.00 Fantastic Facts! Jonathan Ross with another collection of strange-but-true stories. With Fiona Armstrong and Wilf Lunn (s) (6162)

House guests: Barbara Knox, centre (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Reg (Ken Morley) takes Maureen (Sherrie Hewson) and her mother to see Rita's (Barbara Knox) new house. (Teletext) (655)
8.00 Pot of Gold. Talent and game show hosted by Des O'Connor (6669)
9.00 International Athletics from Zurich, introduced by Jim Rosenthal (6425)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (65452) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (505181)
10.40 Film: Full Moon in Blue Water (1988) starring Gene Hackman and Teri Garr. Comedy drama about the owner of a run-down Texas restaurant who spends part of his time watching home movies of his dead wife and the rest in pursuit of a female bus driver. Then someone offers to buy his business. Directed by Peter Masterson (38051617)
12.30am The Equalizer. American drama series starring Edward Woodward (73921)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure-time guide (s) (57766)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (40114)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) (47389)
4.00 60 Minutes American current affairs magazine (72563)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (68940)
5.30 ITN Morning News (73211). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cartoon adventures of a cat (1379810) **6.45 Ovide.** Animated fun with the duck-billed platypus and his friends (1592365)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (81549)
9.00 Saved By the Bell American high school comedy drama series (55029) **9.30 Star Street.** Animated adventures based on the signs of the zodiac (2248839)
9.55 Hammerman (r) (2329758) **10.25 Pugwall.** Australian children's drama (r) (2599568) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin** (r) (9689984)
11.20 The Henderson Kids Australian family drama (6089487) **11.50 Pete Smith Specialties** Mr Smith offers cautionary advice to husbands who volunteer to help their wives (r) (7443810)
12.00 High 5 Paragliding exploits (r) (62365) **12.30 Sesame Street** (r) (65443) **1.30 Sandokan** Animated adventures of a pirate prince (r) (85758)
2.00 Film: The Adventures of Marco Polo (1938, b/w) starring Gary Cooper and Sigrid Gurie. The celebrated traveller visits the court of Kubla Khan where he falls in love with a princess. Directed by Archie Mayo (280568)
3.55 Our Backyard: Fair Play. How Oldham residents are trying to stop a playing field being turned into a supermarket (r). (Teletext) (9363013)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (568)
5.00 Down To Sussex. A 1956 British Rail film on the beauty and history of the South Downs and the Weald (r) (7111704)


Magical: Dors, Ashmore and James (5.20pm)

5.20 Film: A Kid For Two Farthings (1955) starring Celia Johnson and Diana Dors. Fantasy tale of a young East End boy who buys a one-horned goat thinking it is a unicorn. With Jonathan Ashmore and Sid James Directed by Carol Reed (35500094)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (191966)
7.50 Bloody Bosnia: Refugee Stories Gabrijela Kupanovac on how she became a refugee. Followed by a charity appeal (619094)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3452)
8.30 Journey into a Lost Japan. The last part of Lesley Downer's tour of Japan off the tourist beat (r). (Teletext) (5487)
9.00 Bloody Bosnia: Sarajevo Diary. (Teletext) See Choice (8617)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Comedy spin-off from the *Golden Girls*, set in a Miami hotel. With guest star Ricardo Montalban. (Teletext) (s) (63094)
10.30 Sean's Show. Comedy series starring Sean Hughes (r) (s) (954902)
11.05 LA Law. American legal drama series. (Teletext) (s) (635891)
12.05am Bloody Bosnia: Artists For Bosnia. A guitar duet by John Williams and Paco Peña (8561652)
12.20 Bloody Bosnia: Everything Is Under Control. A short film about a group of soldiers supposedly defending a Yugoslav border post who go on an alcoholic binge with the Slovenian irregulars who are meant to be attacking them (5896650)
12.55 Just For Laughs. Highlights from the Montreal Comedy Festival (r) (2810056)
1.30 Film: Anayi Abichari (1988). Bangladeshi drama about a group of fishermen who clash with their employers. English subtitles. Directed by Shakthi Shamonth (93952495). Ends at **4.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84187487) **1.45** A Country Practice (432655) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (424636) **3.50-3.55** Cartoon (4344907) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2410384) **6.00** Home And Away (460100) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (393075) **10.30** Anglia News (505181) **10.40** Film: Body of Evidence (21748162) **12.25am** Film: Father Brown Detective (950414) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6027414) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7750650) **3.35** Cue The Music (6603853) **4.35** Riviera (33105834) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.05pm** Central News (84187487) **1.15** A Country Practice (433384) **1.45** Home And Away (432655) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (424636) **3.20-3.55** Deepwater Haven (1806758) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2410384) **6.00** Home And Away (460100) **6.25-7.00** Central News (393075) **10.30** Central News (505181) **10.40** Film: The Connection (5776641) **12.00am** Tour Of Duty (2053327) **12.55** Cloughie's Golden Oldies (5573969) **1.25** Entertainment U.K. (2892650) **2.25** Stage Three (7108679) **3.25** BPM (8128582) **4.25-5.20** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84187487) **1.45** A Country Practice (432655) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (424636) **6.00** HTV News (891) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (471) **10.30** HTV News (505181) **10.40** Film: Father Brown Detective (285984) **10.40** Film: Body of Evidence (44733926) **2.10am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6027414) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7750650) **3.35** Cue The Music (6603853) **4.35** Riviera (33105834) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (68940)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.45-2.45 Blockbusters (654075) **6.00** Wales At Six (891) **6.30-7.00** Foley Square (471) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (505181) **12.25am-2.10** Film: Father Brown Detective (950414) **2.35-2.40** Cue The Music (5589105)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News & Weather (84187487) **1.45** A Country Practice (432655) **2.15-2.45** Southern Gold (424636) **3.20-3.55** All Together Now (1806758) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (195384) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (891) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (471) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News (505181)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (16840164) **1.10-1.15** Where The Jobs Are (19090687) **1.45** A Country Practice (432655) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (424636) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (143487) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (471) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (505181) **10.40** Film: That's Life (38075297) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5813327) **1.30** Hollywood Report (20766) **2.00** Videofashion (20327) **2.30** Transworld Sport (48682) **3.30** Raw Power (50327) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (77018)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25 Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.45** The Young Doctors (432655) **2.15** Westcountry Focus (424636) **2.45-3.10** Take the High Road (3798907) **3.20** A Country Practice (2061891) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (90636) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (505181) **10.40** Westcountry Speedway Special (754164) **11.20** Live On Stage (916988) **12.25am** Film: Father Brown Detective (565360) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5938308) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7750650) **3.35** Cue The Music (6603853) **4.35** Riviera (33105834) **5.00-6.30** Jobfinder (68940) - **5.59** Film: The Golden Gate Murders

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5756181) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84187487) **1.45** A Country Practice (432655) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (424636) **5.55** Calendar (143487) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (471) **10.30** Calendar News (505181) **10.40** Film: That's Life (Jack Lemmon, Julie Andrews, Sally Kellerman) (38075297) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5813327) **1.30** Hollywood Report (20766) **2.00** Videofashion (20327) **2.30** Trans World Sport (48682) **3.30** Raw Power (50327) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (77018)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (81549) **9.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (55029) **9.30** Star Street (2248839) **9.55** Hammerman (6485742) **10.20** Pugwall (3140100) **10.45** The Adventures Of Tintin (4604988) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (4178015) **11.35** Sandokan (8411655) **12.05pm** Take Five (8673278) **12.30** Sesame Street (65443) **1.30** A Different World (85758) **2.00** Journey Into A Lost Japan (9948) **2.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (41094) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3682162) **4.50** Sketches Of Scotland (4334907) **5.00** Countdown (4566) **5.30** Brookside (520) **6.00** News (811810) **6.10** Heno (413278) **7.00** Jacpot (4704) **7.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (31384) **9.00** News (253988) **9.25** C'mon Midffild (198100) **10.00** Swig O Ffilth (63094) **10.30** Hwyr Neu Hwyrach (749433) **11.15** Film: Wolfen (25996907)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (3017015) **8.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1410988) **8.50** The DJ Kat Show (19483510) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (35723) **10.00** Card Sharks (6439471) **10.25** Concentration (7351181) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9575487) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (20452) **12.00** E Street (95617) **12.30pm** Three's Company (46839) **1.00** Falcon Crest (82704) **3.00** Another World (3353384) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5573181) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2365) **6.00** Games World (9807) **6.30** E Street (6487) **7.00** Rescue (3094) **7.30** Full House (2471) **8.00** Hunter (60433) **9.00** Picket Fences: new drama series about a doctor and her sheriff husband (80297) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83384) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (18617)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (60920) **6.30** News and Business Report (725520) **9.30** Talkback (20655) **10.30** Fashion TV (79433) **11.30** Business Report (15013) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (80549) **1.30** Good Morning America (81278) **2.30** Fashion TV (20704) **3.30** ABC Nightline (52461) **4.30** News and Business Report (9384) **5.00** Live at Five (340568) **7.30** Fashion TV (5933) **9.30** Talkback (89051) **11.30** CBS News (97907) **12.30am** Fashion TV (26037) **1.30** CBS News (88650) **2.30** Those Were The Days (18940) **3.30** CBS News (20785) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (31230) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (11485)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3061655)
10.00 Mannequin on the Move (1991): William Ragsdale introduces shop dummy Kristy Swanson to the real world (40655)
12.00 The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969): An Italian village hides its wine from the Nazis. Starring Anthony Quinn (43300471)
2.20pm Silver Lode (1954). Western in which an innocent man is accused of murder. Starring John Payne (978013)
4.00 Oh God! Book II (1980). George Burns returns as the supreme being (7297)
6.00 Mannequin on the Move (as 10am) (87100)
8.00 Lip Service (1988): Paul Dooley shares the spotlight with rival television presenter Griffin Dunne (75075)
9.30 She Woke Up (1992). A comatose heiress, Lindsay Wagner, recovers to discover *the identity of her assailant* (856807)
11.10 Catherine Cherie (1982): Erotic drama with Berta Cabre (41254758)
1.20am Midnight Fear (1991). David Carradine comes to the rescue of August West in this violent thriller (28437834)
3.30 An Innocent Man (1989). Tom Selleck learns to survive in prison with the help of F. Murray Abraham (948327). Ends at **5.20**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Desk Set (1957): Romantic comedy with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn (45162)
8.00 The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (1982): Sheriff Burt Reynolds has to close down Dolly Parton's bordello (57907)
10.00 Body Heat (1981): Kathleen Turner persuades William Hurt to murder husband Richard Crenna (383162). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Another Time, Another Place (1958): Lana Turner falls in love with Barry Sullivan in wartime London (52810)
8.00 On Our Own: Four children head for their uncle Jack's (84162)
10.00 Yogi's Great Escape (48297)
12.00 Caribbean (1952, b/w). Pirate adventure with John Payne (87623)
2.00pm King of the Hill (1990): Baseball drama with William Russ (72278)
4.00 On Our Own (as 8am) (5839)
6.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2 (1991): Heroic adventure (85742)
8.00 Dying Young (1991): Julia Roberts nurses Campbell Scott (60487)
10.00 Prayer of the Rollerboys (1990): Futuristic drama in which Corey Haim infiltrates a fascist gang (734907)
11.40 White Palace (1990). Widower James Spader falls in love with hamburger waitress Susan Sarandon (853891)
1.25am Pump Up the Volume (1990): High school misfit Christian Slater masquerades as a pirate radio DJ by night (763476)
3.10 Cold Dog Soup (1990): A young man attempts to bury a woman's dog. With Frank Whaley (8788619). Ends at **4.35**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (72839) **7.30** Baseball (74278) **9.30** Prime Bodies (92617) **10.00** Open Snooker (247164) **1.00pm** The Footballers' Football Show (91988) **2.00** Open Snooker (476517) **5.00** Cycling (8758) **5.30** Motor World (4094) **6.00** High Five (1907) **6.30** Horse Racing from Kempton and Nottingham (58742) **8.30** Watersports (62655) **9.30** Australian Rugby League (52297) **11.30** Red Line (48655) **12.30-1.00am** Windsurfing (26853)

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7.30am Step Aerobics (79742) **8.00** Equestrian (41181) **9.00** European Tennis (46926) **11.00** Eurogoals (55162) **12.00** Swimming (850520) **2.30pm** Aerobatics (5346) **3.00** Military Sports (90100) **4.00** Swimming (9297) **6.00** European Truck Racing (6075) **6.30** News (2605) **7.00** NFL Football (70471) **9.00** Kick Boxing (36425) **10.00** Motorsport (86902) **11.00** Basketball (78655) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (65230)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (3788443) **7.30** Neighbours (4102948) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1832636) **8.30** EastEnders (1831907) **9.00** The Bill (1928487) **9.30** Moon and Son (1553278) **10.30** Big Deal (2736810) **11.30** Rhoda (8410365) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1835723) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5639636) **1.00** EastEnders (4138964) **1.30** The Bill (5636907) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (1189084) **2.30** Citizen Smith (7627948) **3.00** Dallas (8414181) **4.00** Dynasty (8400988) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1170346) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3027984) **6.00** Neighbours (6277407) **6.30** Moon and Son (8417278) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (6372051) **8.00** EastEnders (1272758) **8.30** Citizen Smith (1188365) **9.00** Big Deal (1207758) **10.00** The Bill (1836452) **10.30** Three of a Kind (1845100) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8730297) **11.35** Dr Who (1870988) **12.15-1.35am** Film: Swing Shift Maisie (1943, b/w) starring Ann Sothern and James Craig (26705582)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (59029) **7.00** Babar; Mask (5270033) **7.55** Raltkan II (7679322) **8.30** David the Gnome (14365) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (23407) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (38487) **10.00** Chocky's Challenge (15655) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-Man (74159) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (17891) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (18520) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (48810) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (45384) **1.30** Potsworth (35346) **2.00** Adventure (4520) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3704) **3.00** Babar (2189655) **3.25** Raltkan II (5718723) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (5549) **4.00** Bobobobs (7384) **4.30** All for One (3569) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (8100) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7520) **6.00-7.00** Fame (44094)

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FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow with Steve Wright from Bournemouth **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Emma Freud Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Folk from Sidmouth (1/4) **8.30** Voices from Arcadia (3/6) **9.00** Black Voices (5/6) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Terry Nutkins's Nature **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **7.15** The Doomsday Diary of Ermengarde Hulke, by Dick Cate. Read by Finetime Fontayne (3/5) **7.30** International Athletics: Weltklasse Grand Prix from Zurich **10.10** Hit the North with Mark Radcliffe **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: Black Dog **5.45** Country Style **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Party, Party **9.30** My Music **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** Poems by Post **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.25** Artists in a Nutshell **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Black Dog **3.45** Good Books **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Frankfurt an Der Oder **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Sports International **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** After Henry **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sports International **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Paul Gambaccini **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1 in E flat: Frank Lloyd, Philharmonia under Tolga Kashif) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** Evening Concert: Mozart (Wind Serenade in C minor, K488); Brahms (Serenade No 2 in A); Tchaikovsky (Serenade for Strings) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University. Popular Culture **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Piers Burton-Page presents Johann Strauss, father (Homage to Queen Victoria); Weber (Overture, Jubel); Beethoven (Variations in C, WoO78); Clementi (Symphony No 3 in G)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Fauré. Richard Langham Smith introduces Fauré's church music. Tantum Ergo: Ave Verum; Requiem
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe, including Walton (Siesta: Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox); Donizetti (Sulla tomba, Ah! Verrano a te sull'aure, Lucia di Lammermoor, Act 1. Luciano Pavarotti, Joan Sutherland; Royal Opera House Orchestra under Richard Bonynge). Bax (Golden Eagle: London Philharmonic under Bryden Thomson); Delius (To be sung of a Summer Night on the Water: Choir of King's College, Cambridge); Moszkowski (Piano Concerto in E: Michael Ponti, Philharmonia Hungarica). Schubert (Sonata in A, D821, Arpeggione: Klaus Storck, arpeggione, Alfons Kontarsky, fortepiano). Vivaldi (Motet, Ostro Picta, RV642: Emma Kirkby, soprano; Collegium Musicum 90). Moszkowski (Etude in F: Michael Ponti, piano); Tchaikovsky (Valse scherzo in C, Op 34: Igor Oistrakh, violin, Natalia Zertsalova, piano)
12.00 BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Glière (Ballet Suite, The Red Poppy; Symphony No 1 in E flat) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital. Alfredo Perl, piano, plays Beethoven (33 Variations on a Waltz by Diabelli, Op 120)
2.05 Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra under Hans Zender performs Mozart (Symphony No 33 in V flat, K319), Webern (Das Augenlicht, Op 26); Zender (Canto I); Mozart (Vesperae solennes de Confessore, K339)
3.15 Nash Ensemble plays Brahms (Piano Quartet in G minor, Op 25) (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Peterborough Cathedral
5.00 In Tune with Stephen Johnson
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Vernon Handley plays Gorecki (Old Polish Music); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor: Anthony Marwood). **8.25** Ivan Hewett discusses Napoleon's attitudes to art and music. **8.45** Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
9.40 Out of the Shadows: A Whole New Language. Ian Christie's series on European cinema in the 1920s looks at the arrival of the talkies (r)
10.00 Minute Operas: King Harald's Saga. See Choice
10.20 Hawk Stalks: *Ron Geesin* presents the last of six programmes on the work of the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins (r)
10.50 Dancing on a Tightrope: Richard Mayne looks at the life and legend of Jean Cocteau, poet, draughtsman, dramatist, diarist and novelist (r)
11.30 Hausmusik: Antony Pay presents chamber music from the Biedermeier period performed on period instruments. Mendelssohn (Piano Quartet in F minor, Op 2); Schumann (Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Perfume from Provence, by Lady Fortescue (final part) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare's patient is Esther Rantzen (r)
9.45 The Benn Tapes: Tony Benn, MP, recalls the 1977 Windscale dispute
10.00-10.30 Pack the Book (FM only): Two *Rough Guide* writers tour St Petersburg
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Judges. Read by Ian Hogg (6/7)
10.30 Woman's Hour looks at the cottage garden, debunks the myths surrounding herpes, and talks to the film director Leslie Harris. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Birstwith Horticultural Society in North Yorkshire put their questions to the experts (r)
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm A Perfect Spy, by John le Carré (6/8) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Prisoners and Captives: The Way South. The last of three plays by Jacqueline Holborough about freedom and captivity. Lynn Farleigh plays Jo, imprisoned for 14 years and now on hunger strike (r)
2.47 View from the Fish Queue: Phil Smith offers a perspective on life and current affairs
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 RSVP: Matthew Parris investigates letters that have no known reply. After 13 years Tchaikovsky's patron, Nadezhda von Meck, abruptly ended her intimate correspondence with the composer. Tchaikovsky expressed his sorrow in a poignant last letter
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *Tom and Jerry The Movie* and *The Snapper*; and talks to Ben Owen, who is publishing his first book at 76
4.45 Short Story: Last Day Out, by Steve Dixon. Read by John Evitts
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993 (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth: Waste disposal and recycling (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age: Christopher Cook looks back to the beginnings of formal education (r)
8.45 Accidents Will Happen: George Barber talks to people who have experienced strange coincidences and finds many of them still struggling to make sense of what happened
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Cost of Living Like This, by James Kennaway. Read by Ian McDiarmid (8/10)
11.00 End of a Line: Lancashire Cotton Looms (r). See Choice
11.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy: Neil Shaban, actor, writer, documentary-maker, was born with brittle bone disease (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Minute Operas: King Harald's Saga. *Radio 3, 10.00pm.*
A few more operas such as Judith Weir's, and the cash problems of every British opera company in Britain would be solved at a stroke. Whether there would be anyone who would want to buy tickets is another matter. First of all, Weir gets rid of the orchestra. That would save a bob or two. The biggest saving of all would, however, come in the casting. The soprano Jane Manning sings all eight solo roles. And to keep her busy the rest of the time, she also sings the whole of the invading Norwegian army.

End of a Line: Lancashire Cotton Looms. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*
The ear-battering clatter of the textile weaving mill in Colne, Lancashire, suddenly stops for the lunch-break and a deafening silence prevails. "It's very noticeable," says Paul Heiney, with the aural equivalent of a straight face "that the looms have stopped". However, this is no time for jesting. The mill is the last of its kind left in the Colne area, and the lunch-time silence could portend a far longer one to come.
Peter Davalle

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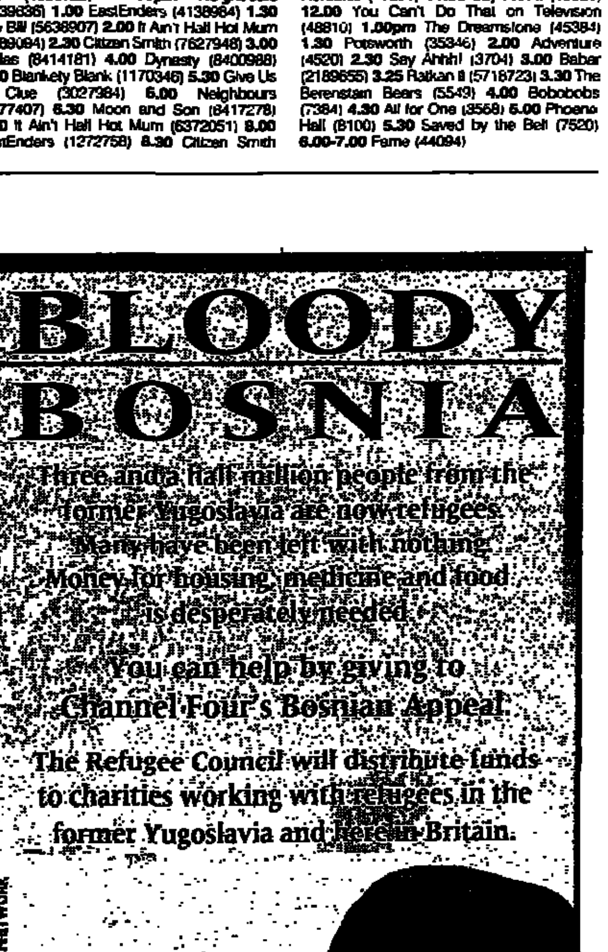

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Board urges umpires to take firm stance on bad behaviour

Graveney: supportive

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on moves to halt the increase of misconduct in the county game

GROWING concern over standards of behaviour in domestic cricket has prompted the Test and County Cricket Board to take the unprecedented step of issuing strongly worded letters to club chairmen and first-class umpires reminding them of their responsibilities.

Each county has been urged by the board chairman, Frank Chamberlain, to convene a meeting of its cricket management and playing staff within the next fortnight so that the matter can be fully debated at the board meeting on August 17.

At the same time, the 25 first-class umpires have been instructed by Alan Smith, the chief executive of the board, to act decisively against bad conduct and unfair play. "It is up to you, the umpires," Smith writes, "firmly to apply the laws of cricket as required; not in an officious, heavy-handed way, but simply, clearly and quietly explaining to the cricketer what you expect of him."

This initiative arose from the mid-season meeting of the board's disciplinary committee held, coincidentally, three days after a combustible Benson and Hedges Cup final, during which Wasim Akram bowled a chest-high beamer at Chris Adams that the umpire ruled to be accidental.

Explaining the measures yesterday, Smith and Peter Bromwich, who chairs the disciplinary committee, said that neither the cup final, nor any other isolated incident, was a catalyst for the concern. "It is a general perception of the way things are heading," Smith said.

"There has been a gradual decline in standards and we want to stop it."

The 12 members of the disciplinary committee include a players' representative in David Graveney. "He was one of those who initiated the debate," Bromwich said, "and I have since had a long talk with the chairman of the Cricketers' Association, Tim Curtis. Both of them are very supportive."

Anything that seeks to outlaw unsportsmanlike behaviour is to be applauded and anyone who has watched cricket recently will approve of the board's specific condemnation of "orchestrated and animated appealing by whole teams and the open questioning of umpires' decisions".

But the letter to umpires said: "Precisely what is causing the situation cannot be pinpointed with accuracy." The same can be said of what might be done to arrest its progress.

Although the chairmen can warn their captains and the captains can warn their players, the ultimate responsibility rests with the umpires. As Bromwich confirms that the board's moves are not the result of an increase in cases coming before it or even of adverse comments from umpires, the inference is that the umpires are not intervening enough.

"I would like umpires' reports to be fuller on these subjects," Bromwich said. "Sometimes they are monosyllabic." Sometimes, too, although he did not say so, regrettable incidents on the field pass unreported.

Part of the problem, at least, is that an umpire's livelihood is dictated by the marks he receives and, in a system that survives only because the game can come up with nothing more suitable, those marks are issued by the captains. The unspoken threat of a low mark for an umpire who exerts himself too strenuously is an incalculable deterrent to proper stewardship of the laws and spirit of the game.

Smith recognises this point and addressed it in his letter to the umpires, urging them not to "shirk your responsibility for fear of being marked down by the captain on his report. The board will most certainly not allow captains to mark any umpire down for properly applying the laws of cricket".

It is easier said than done, of course. The interaction between captains and umpires is crucial to the success of this initiative, which is to be closely monitored during the remaining six weeks of the season.

Not the least of the board's worries is that a continuing decline in conduct will discourage sponsors who, at present, are making the game tolerably rich. "We want to keep cricket the way it is, the way it has always been," Smith said. "Traditionally, it is played by people who get along with each other and the game's backers come to us because of that image."

Christie and Lewis take on top field in Zurich

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ZURICH

FOR little more than half the appearance money he earned at Gateshead on Friday, Linford Christie faces double the challenge here this evening. The Weltklasse grand prix meeting has assembled the most competitive 100 metres field the world has seen for two years, making the 1992 Olympic final, as one of the protagonists tonight put it, seem "kinda soft".

The man who so described the Olympic final, Andre Cason, is as big a threat to Christie's world title aspirations 11 days hence as Carl Lewis, perhaps bigger. While Lewis has been struggling for his best form, as his defeat by Christie on Friday showed, Cason has been running fast times. Had those who organised Gateshead wanted a true picture of world sprinting, rather than one made of television, Cason would have been invited, but, as he said yesterday: "You can't walk into someone else's house without being invited."

So, he watched on television, not much impressed by either Christie or Lewis. He has run faster than both legally this season and his wind-assisted series of 9.79sec twice and 9.85sec, to win the United States title, was the fastest two-day sprinting in history. "If I run as fast as I can possibly run, I don't think anyone can beat me," Cason said yesterday.

It is the third time of trying this season to bring Christie and Cason together. Cason withdrew from their proposed encounter in Oslo four weeks ago and Christie did the same in Cologne last Sunday.

Yesterday both were saying they would definitely be racing tonight. At least that was what Andy Norman was saying that Christie was saying. Christie said nothing, refusing to speak to the press and being boorish with it. Lewis and Cason both spoke willingly.

Norman, who negotiated for Christie's appearance here, said that his athlete was here to run in the 100 metres, but that was supposed to have been the case in Cologne on Sunday. On Friday Norman said Christie would be contesting the 100 metres; on Sunday he ran in the 200 metres.

Norman himself is under pressure as the British Athletic Federation considers lessening his powers as its promotions officer. This could be done by putting him on staff, rather than using him as a consultant, but asked yesterday whether he had yet signed a contract, he responded with a terse, "that's my business".

There is no arguing with Christie's record this season: nine wins out of nine 100 metres races. Cason has seven out of eight, but six wins in a row, including three against Lewis. Lewis is not worth a mention on his record — five wins, five defeats — but a 19.99sec legal 200 metres indicates his potential to produce a devastating 100 metres at any time.

Lewis and Christie, with the combined age of a pensioner, will never need old man's benefit. After their £100,000 each on Friday, their appearance money here is some £60,000.

Cason is on less but has no complaints. "Linford and Carl have been around a long time and should get their dues," he said. "It is time they got paid as much as they are. They are paving the way [in appearance fees] for athletes such as myself."

At 24, nine years younger than Christie and eight years Lewis's junior, Cason has years ahead in the high income bracket.

Younger and shorter. At 5ft 7in he is some seven inches behind Christie and Lewis. His height disadvantage is no disadvantage, he insists. "I have the ability to sprint, so I play with the uniform I was issued with," he said.

John Drummond, 5ft 8in, is here too, having split Christie and Lewis in Gateshead. The gnomes of Zurich could be the laughing gnomes by the end of the night.

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SIMON WHEELER

Back in action: Lawrence in delivery stride during his six-over spell in a benefit match against a Rest of the World XI at Cheltenham yesterday

England call up Emburey for Test

BY ALAN LEE

JOHN Emburey, the Middlesex off-spin bowler, was yesterday added to the England party for the fifth Test match, which starts tomorrow, in belated recognition of the prevailing conditions at Edgbaston.

The England management summoned Emburey, 40, after studying the Test pitch and concluding that it would take spin. He is likely to play alongside Peter Such.

Emburey, whose England career seemed over after a dismal tour of India last winter, is in prime form and two weeks ago at Edgbaston returned career-best figures as he carried Middlesex to a championship win. He has taken 21 wickets in his last two championship matches.

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, said it took him "just ten seconds" of looking at the pitch yesterday to realise the need for a second spinner. "The pitch is dry and it will turn. After two or two and a half days it will turn more. This pitch now favours Australia more than us. I came up here expecting a pitch within the guidelines of the pitches committee and with a bit of grass on it."

After an afternoon of debate among the selectors, Emburey was chosen ahead of Phil Tufnell and Ian Salisbury. "John is simply bowling better than any other spinner at the moment," Fletcher said.

Lawrence returns to fast lane

Ivo Tennant sees the England fast bowler take the latest step in his comeback after a serious knee injury

IN CELESTIAL Cheltenham yesterday, 21 cricketers were going through the motions. For them, it was just another benefit match. Not so for the 6ft 2in, 16-stone fast bowler who made up the numbers with all the rippling energy that sustained him when he played for England. By David Lawrence's own estimation, this was the most important day of his career.

It is 18 months since Lawrence was carried off the field in New Zealand, having broken his left kneecap in his delivery stride. It was a sickening injury yet, although he has not played competitive cricket since, he has not lost his optimism or sense of humour. His attempt at a comeback yesterday in the middle of his benefit year was billed "the ben-knee-fit-match". Leading his own side against a Rest of the World XI, Lawrence bowled six overs for 25 runs. There were no wickets but, much more important, there was no reaction. His overs were delivered at a quickish medium — the left leg first coming down hesitantly at the crease, but by the end of his brief spell the limp had gone and the self-confidence had returned.

How England need him back. Ted Dexter must dream that one day — and it has to be soon, for Gloucestershire's beneficiary is 29 — England's attack will again include Lawrence. He has played only five Tests.

The scar on Lawrence's kneecap is still prominent. Before tossing up with Gordon Greenidge, he was on the treatment table of his physiotherapist, Alex Lockhart. The break should have healed after he had a year's rehabilitation at Lilleshall.

Alas, the kneecap cracked again in the gym at Bristol last March. Lesser men, in the knowledge that they were nearing retirement age, would have packed it in.

Not Lawrence. He has been training on the Downs at 6.30am three times a week this summer. "I have never seen such a determined athlete," Lockhart said as he applied ice to the kneecap before the start of play. "I'm ready for the world title fight," Lawrence said.

He has had a bowl or two in other benefit matches but this was the first time he came in off his full run. As soon as he had finished bowling he came off the field to great applause from a crowd of around 3,000 and reflected on a successful day.

"A lot of people wrote me off too early. These were the most important six overs of my career and the next step is to get through a whole day. I should like to play for Gloucestershire before the end of the season. I can't see a problem if the leg keeps improving."

SCORES: David Lawrence XI 243-9 (A J Lamb 88), Rest of the World 246-8 (A I Kallicharran 57, S Jack 48 not out). Rest of the World won by two wickets

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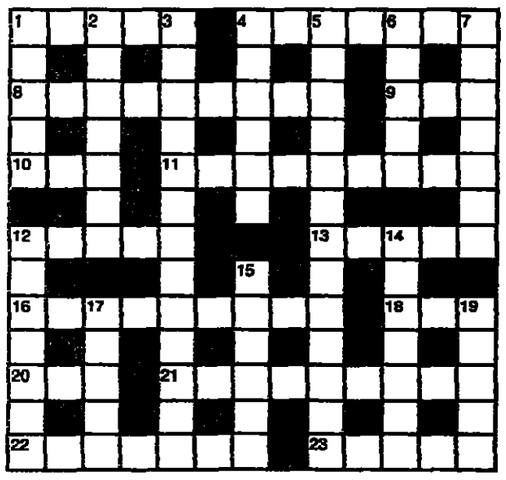

ACROSS
1 Vertical step (5)
4 Duty dodger (7)
8 Protection clause (9)
9 Aha (3)
10 Not either (3)
11 In passing (2,7)
12 Trite (5)
13 Tribal senior (5)
16 Office adornments (9)
18 Glue (3)
20 Hitler's mistress (3)
21 Displaying in flight (9)
22 Perspired (7)
23 Before time (5)

DOWN
1 Violin bow substance (5)
2 Crocus flavouring (7)
3 Dangerous loner (5,8)
4 Overwhelms (6)
5 Absolutely necessary (13)
6 Swedish currency (5)
7 Cock (7)
12 Digestion-aid drink (7)
14 Sirius (7)
15 Trapped (6)
17 Astound (5)
19 Dirty (5)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3164

ACROSS: 1 Scruff 5 Robust 8 Wish 9 Obedient 10 Pursch 12 Lost 15 Three line whip 16 Pawl 17 Mayhem 19 Pleasant 21 Play 22 Spider 23 Daleks

DOWN: 2 Chihuahua 3 Ugh 4 Foothold 5 Reel 6 Bridleway 7 Sun 11 Steel band 13 Slide back 14 Animated 18 Lair 20 Lop 21 Pal

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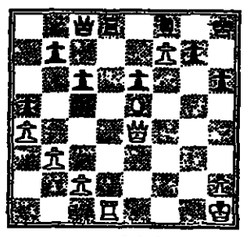
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Aron Nimzowitsch, whose play I am celebrating this week, was capable of bewitching world class opponents. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch — Rubinstein, Berlin 1928. Can White do better than to exchange rooks?



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

JORUM
a. Old Icelandic dialect
b. An Old Testament prophet
c. A large drinking bowl

SISSOO
a. An Aboriginal flute
b. A valuable Indian tree
c. A floating seaweed

ANGEKOK
a. An Eskimo sorceror
b. A rolled pebble from Ceylon
c. A marine fish

IPECACUANHIC
a. A Red Indian tribe
b. A tannic acid
c. An Hispanic dish

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